

## Project Proposal Ranking Criteria

Total maximum score is 150 points

**Criterion 1: Benefits to Fish and Certainty of Success** (60 points as a weighted percentage based upon RTT score)

- How did the RTT rate this project?
- Does the project address documented habitat ecological concerns as outlined in the Draft Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan, Biological Strategy, or local Watershed Plan?
- Is the project consistent with the Recovery Plan Implementation Strategy?
- Is the project/assessment based on proven scientific methods that will meet objectives?
- Are there any obstacles that could delay the implementation of this project or study (permitting and or design)?

**Criterion 2: Project Longevity** (30 points)

- Who has the responsibility to manage and maintain the project? What is the responsibility of current or future landowners?
- Has the sponsor successfully implemented projects in the past?
- Are the benefits associated with the project in perpetuity?
- Will the project last only a few years?
- Is there a high risk of failure associated with this project?

**Criterion 3: Project Scope** (15 points)

- How much habitat is being protected or gained?
- Are threats imminent?
- Is the scale of the proposed action appropriate?

**Criterion 4: Community Support** (25 points)

- Has there been public outreach about this project to assess the level of community support?
- Is there any community outreach planned during and/or after implementation?
- *New:* Will the project create benefits or raise concerns for particular groups or the community at large?
- Does the project build community support for salmon recovery efforts?
- Has the project sponsor secured landowner participation or acceptance?
- *New:* Will there be public access? What is the breadth and strength of the partnership supporting the project (technical support, financial and in-kind contributions, labor)?

**Criterion 5: Economics** (20 points)

- Does the project represent an opportunity for economic benefit?
- Will this project help the region move closer to delisting or reduce regulatory intervention?
- *New:* Is the project budget clearly defined and reasonable?
- *New:* How much benefit does the project create for the dollars invested?