

WASHINGTON STATE CENTRAL AREA 2011 WHIP RANKING

In Washington State, WHIP will be used on private and Tribal lands where fish and wildlife habitat has been negatively impacted by agricultural activities, urban development, or invasive species.

One or more eligible WHIP cost-shared conservation practice(s) will be applied to address each Local Issue, State Issue, or National Priorities question answered yes.

Fund Pools: Agricultural Land; Forest Land; and Tribal.

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Number	Question	Points
1	a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	40
1	b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry?	40
1	c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	20
1	d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	20
1	e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	20
1	f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	20
1	g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	20
1	h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	15
1	i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	10
1	j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	10
1	k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	15
2	a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	20
Total Points		250

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 0.497

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the likelihood of success of the project be HIGH, with few or no habitat restoration problems during and after the establishment period? (8-10)	50
2	Will the likelihood of success of the project be MEDIUM, with moderate problems associated with the restoration activity? (4-7)	10
3	Will the likelihood of success of the project be LOW, with a high degree of disturbance, competition, indefinite use of irrigation, and/or continued maintenance of structures? (0-3)	-5
4	Will the cost of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) be LOW, with minimal or no maintenance after establishment?	50
5	Will the cost of O&M be MEDIUM, with structures, systems, or plantings requiring periodic (less than annual) maintenance or replacement?	10
6	Will the cost of O&M be HIGH, with structures, systems, or plantings requiring at least annual maintenance and/or management?	1
7	Will the applicant (with landowner agreement) allow public access for educational or recreational use, such as outdoor recreation site, outdoor classroom, and/or onsite research?	15
8	Will all contracted practices be vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer? (This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	100
9	Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	5

Local Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 0.525

Number	Question	Points
<p>Species; Answer all that apply</p> <p>.....Note: The restored habitat must be capable of supporting identified species and there must be a high likelihood that the species will inhabit the area. (scheduled practices must directly effect species http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/search.php)</p>		
1	Sage grouse.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Sage grouse in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Okanogan, Benton, Douglas, Kittitas or Yakima County?	50

2	Sharp-tailed grouse.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Sharp-tailed grouse in Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant or Okanogan County?	35
3	White-headed woodpecker.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting White-headed woodpecker?.....(any county)	25
4	Burrowing owl.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Burrowing owl?.....(any county)	25
5	Pygmy rabbit.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Pygmy rabbit in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Okanogan, Benton, Douglas, Kittitas or Yakima County?	25
6	Western gray squirrel.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Western gray squirrel in Klickitat, Skamania, Okanogan, or Chelan County?	25
7	Black-tailed jack rabbitWill habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Black-tailed jack rabbit in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Douglas, Okanogan, Benton, Kittitas or Yakima County?	15
8	White-tailed jack rabbit.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting White-tailed jack rabbit in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Douglas, Okanogan, Benton, Kittitas or Yakima County?	15
9	Upland game birds.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting upland game birds?	5
10	Mule Deer.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Mule Deer?	5
11	Elk.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Elk?	5
12	Beneficial Insects..... Will proposed project increase, improve, or establish pollinator habitat and beneficial insects	10
13	Salmonids classified as Federal or State Threatened and Endangered Species, or Federal or State Candidate Species, or Species identified as Priority Habitat Species (PHS) by WDFW	25
Primary habitat type; Answer yes to the predominate habitat only.		
14	Is primary habitat classified as Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland?	200
15	Is primary habitat classified as Riparian?..... (planting only)	150
16	Is primary habitat classified as Agricultural Land?	75
17	Is primary habitat classified as Wetland?	150
18	Is primary habitat classified as Upland Woodland or other Forestland?	100
19	Is primary habitat classified as Oregon White Oak Woodland?	150

20	Is primary habitat classified as a stream?	75
Answer yes to all that apply to the contract area, not just the primary habitat.		
21	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Is the planning area unfragmented and will contain a substantial amount of interior habitat that will resemble the site potential of the natural community? These are typically, but not limited to, greater than 100 acres.	35
22	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Is the planning unit a fragmented area that contains isolated units of shrub-steppe/eastside grassland? This unit will resemble the site potential natural community when restored. These are typically, but not limited to, less than 100 acres.	20
23	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Will participant establish greater than 70% native plants, and at least one native shrub?	75
24	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Will agreement area be protected with fencing or use exclusion?	20
25	Riparian Areas Will riparian area be protected with fencing or use exclusion?	60
26	Riparian Areas Will restoration of vegetation consist of greater than 70% native plants to include trees/shrubs and herbaceous cover?	50
27	Agricultural Land Will targeted species use planning area? Or is the planning area adjacent to open space and is used for breeding or regular feeding? Or does the open space function as a corridor between essential habitats? These are typically, but not limited to, greater than 5 acres.	30
28	Agricultural Land Do targeted species use planning area during part of the year and unit is surrounded by agricultural developments? These are typically, but not limited to, less than 5 acres.	20
29	Agricultural Land Will restoration of vegetation consist of greater than 70% native grass and forbs? (no trees or shrubs)	25
30	Agricultural Land Will restoration of vegetation consist of greater than 70% native grass and forbs with trees/shrubs?	50
31	Agricultural Land Will applicant establish food plots with no cost-share?	15
32	Agricultural Land Will applicant leave previous crop's stubble standing over winter, until March 1st? (e.g. corn, wheat, sorghum, triticale stubble left over winter)	10
33	Wetland Restoration Will wetland area be protected with fencing or use exclusion?	50

34	Wetland Restoration Will woody plantings be established on areas needing treatment?	25
35	Wetland Restoration Is hydrology restoration needed and planned?	20
36	Upland Woodland, Oregon White Oak Woodland or other Forestland Habitat Restoration Will oak seedlings be established on OWO habitat?	50
37	Upland Woodland, Oregon White Oak Woodland or other Forestland Habitat Restoration..... Will cover be reestablish on disturbed sites, using species beneficial to wildlife?	30
38	Upland Woodland, Oregon White Oak Woodland or other Forestland Habitat Restoration..... Will diversity be improved by under planting tree or shrubs into a monoculture?	30
39	Fish Streams Will application correct human-made fish passage barriers through removal and/or replacement with fish-passable structures?	50
40	Fish Streams Will application remove existing human-made structures that are causing degradation of in-stream habitat?	25
Additional considerations for all applications Answer all that apply		
41	Additional Habitat Considerations: Will enhancement or restoration result in conversion of cropland or hayland, to wildlife habitat and/or establishment of pollinator habitat or beneficial insects as the primary land use? Cropland or hayland converted to wildlife land as a primary use.	50
42	Additional Habitat Considerations: Will enhancement or restoration result in conversion of rangeland, pastureland or grazed woodland to wildlife habitat and/or the establishment of pollinator habitat or beneficial insects as the primary land use?..... Livestock exclusion and management restores grazing land for wildlife (i.e., enhancement of degraded range)	50
43	Is applicant part of an Area Conservationist approved group application within a priority sub-watershed area?	50
44	Distance to human disturbance is Greater than 2640 feet?..... (e.g. roads, house, garage, active farm buildings) (Cropland not a disturbance)	50
45	Distance to human disturbance is 1321 feet to 2640 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	40
46	Distance to human disturbance is 661 feet to 1320 feet?..... (Cropland not a	30

	disturbance)	
47	Distance to human disturbance is 331 feet to 660 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	20
48	Distance to human disturbance is Less than 300 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	0