

EQIP FY23 Alaska Joint Chiefs' Ranking Questions and Practice List

- Only financially assisted conservation practices with an identified Resource Concern will be considered during the application ranking.
- Ranking questions may be answered “Yes” when one or more of the Resource Concerns are being treated to the Planning Criteria level as described on the CPA-52. *Reference the National Resource Concern List and Planning Criteria.*
- All questions that garnish points must have documentation in DMS which supports the selection.
- All conservation practices must result in a positive conservation benefit as determined by CART Assessment.
- When answering ranking questions, only consider the resource concerns, eligible land, and conservation practices that are eligible for each fund pool.
 - For example:
 - The practice schedule and assessment included crop fields 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and pasture fields 200 and 201.
 - The client is interested and eligible to compete in the Soil Health fund pool on crop fields 1, 2, 3. You would not consider crop fields 10, 11 or the pasture fields nor any of the associated practices on those fields when ranking the Soil Health fund pool.

Joint Chiefs' Fund Pool

Land Use: Forest, Associated Ag Land

Applicability: Is the project in the Joint Chiefs' geographic area and the project meets the intent of the Joint Chiefs' agreement.

Program Ranking Questions

1. Select the best answer:
 - a. The practice schedule includes practice(s) to address the primary objective of the forest management plan. (100 points)
 - b. The practice schedule includes practice(s) to address concerns listed in the forest management plan. (50 points)

2. Select the best answer:
 - a. The practice schedule includes one conservation practice to address forest health resource concerns as documented on the CPA-52. (10 points)
 - b. The practice schedule includes two conservation practices to address forest health resource concerns as documented on the CPA-52. (25 points)
 - c. The practice schedule includes three or more conservation practices to address forest health resource concerns as documented on the CPA-52. (50 points)

Resource Ranking Questions

1. (35 points) Does the practice schedule address a *water quality concern that is documented on the CPA-52*?

2. (40 points) Does the practice schedule address a *wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation concern that is documented on the CPA-52*?

3. (15 points) Does the practice schedule improve *plant productivity and health as documented on the CPA-52*?

4. (15 points) Does the practice schedule improve *plant structure and composition as documented on the CPA-52*?

5. (30 points) The practice schedule addresses declining tree species populations, or insect and/or disease damage to tree species.

Joint Chiefs' Fund Pool Practices

326	Clearing and Snagging
342	Critical Area Planting
383	Fuel Break
384	Woody Residue Treatment
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
472	Access Control
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
500	Obstruction Removal
560	Access Road
570	Stormwater Runoff Control
575	Trails and Walkways
578	Stream Crossing
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
654	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment
655	Forest Trails and Landings
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning
666	Forest Stand Improvement