West Future Directions ranking questions FY18

Local Issues Addressed-Issue Questions	Points	Notes
FISH PASSAGE & IN-STREAM HABITAT: Select all that apply 1. Fish Passage Project Aligns with a WA State Fish Barrier Removal Board priority HUC 10 watershed (Puget Sound: Pilchuck R., Goldsborough Cr., Pysht R.-Strait of Juan de Fuca Frontal); (WA Coast: Newaukum R.); (Lower Columbia: Lower Cowlitz R.); or is a priority of Federal agency partner and supports implementation of the Puget Sound Action Plan	200	
Answer either #2 or #3		
2. Does the project have a Completed Engineering Design stamped by a licensed PE that meets NRCS Practice Standards?	100	
3. Will a PE-stamped design which meets NRCS Practice Standards be provided without NRCS funding before implementation?	50	
4. Will the project require development/review of a complex engineering design (ie: no rise floodplain analysis, hydrogeomorphic flood assessment, etc)?	-50	Seek assistance from NRCS Engineer to answer
HABITAT GAIN:		
5. Project will restore fish passage on all 0% and 33% WDFW rated barriers within landowner's control on their ENTIRE Tract?	25	Utilize Fish Passage Barrier layer on PHS template or WDFW Interactive Map of Fish Barriers
6. Man-made barriers that are 0% passable to anadromous fish movement do not exist downstream?	100	Utilize Fish Passage Barrier layer on PHS template or WDFW Interactive Map of Fish Barriers
7. Does SVAP rating reveal the project provides direct habitat improvements for Federally listed T&E fish species utilizing the project reach?	50	Utilize SVAP worksheet
Answer either #8, #9, or #10 Measure to closest total upstream barrier		
8. Will the project increase access 0.1 to 0.9 miles of habitat?	25	Measure upstream to closest TOTAL (0% passable) barrier
9. Will the project increase access 1 to 1.9 miles of habitat?	75	See above
10. Will the project increase access 2 miles or more of habitat?	100	See above
11. Fish Passage Project is complementary to additional fish passage project completed in the same watershed within the last 5 years or to a project that is funded for completion.	25	Utilize Fish Passage Barrier layer on PHS template or WDFW Interactive Map of Fish Barriers
BUFFERS: Answer yes to only one of the following (#12-15)		
12. Will the project establish a riparian buffer that MEETS the minimum criteria of 50 feet wide on 70% of the planning unit?	100	
13. Will the project establish a riparian buffer that EXCEEDS the minimum criteria of 50 feet wide on 70% of the planning unit? (buffer width 75 feet or more)	250	

14. Will the project enhance an existing buffer (invasive weed control, conifer underplanting, livestock exclusion) that is a minimum of 50 feet wide on 70% of the planning unit?	25	Invasive weed control or improving plant community structure and composition
15. Will the project establish or enhance a riparian buffer that will treat a water quality resource concern on the site? (minimum of 35 feet wide on entire planning unit)	10	Buffer shades 70% of water surface, prevents soil erosion (streambank or surface) or prevents nutrient or chemical laden water from running directly into stream
FUNDING DISTRIBUTION		
16. Project is located in a sub-watershed that will compete for funding under an approved RCPP watershed directed at salmon habitat improvement in FY18 (Thomas Creek-Skagit Co., Woods Cr.-Snohomish Co., Nooksack River-Whatcom Co., Newnukum Creek- King Co.)?	-100	
TOTAL		850 pts possible