

WDFW Comments on Western Washington NRCS FDF Draft FY18 Screening Tool

12/5/2017 STAC Meeting

Issue: WDFW is concerned that opportunities to fund and implement high quality projects in western Washington outside the Fish Barrier Removal Board and Puget Sound Action Plan priority watersheds will be missed under the proposed FY18 Western Washington FDF screening tool.

Request: Add the following question to the “High” screening category to allow flexibility to work on high quality projects outside of the priority watersheds.

(HIGH) To screen High, project must have one or more selected from this category, obtain Partner signature, AND will accomplish one or more of the following activities listed in the MEDIUM priority category on page two:

This project to be implemented with assistance of a Partner agency or organization. By signing this document, the Partner is stating that they will complete or assist NRCS and the applicant with one or more of the following activities:

- Planning with development of alternatives**
- Engineering design (licensed PE)**
- Permit acquisition**

WA Fish Barrier Removal Board Watersheds	Puget Sound Action Plan Watersheds
Pilchuck River	SF Nooksack River
Goldsborough Creek	Middle and Upper Samish
Pyscht River-Frontal Strait of Juan De Fuca	Lower Stilliguamish/Pilchuck/Snohomish
Newaukum River (Chehalis Basin)	Chimacum Creek
Lower Cowlitz River	Snoqualmie Valley
	Skokomish Floodplain
	Newaukum Creek (Puget Sound)
	Middle Reach Nisqually