



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
Fiscal Year 2019 Screening Worksheet  
Puget Sound Team LWG Fund Codes**

<b>Puget Sound Team LWG Fund Codes Fiscal Year 2019 Application Screening Worksheet</b> <u><b>A screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</b></u>	
Applicant Name:	Date:
Evaluator Name:	Application Number: 74054619_____
Fund Pool: FY19 PST	Sign-Up Number:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranked based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file. The screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Rank only the High screened applications. PS325 practice cap is \$15,000. No other practice caps applicable.</p>	
If Yes, <b>Low Priority</b> status in ProTracts.  If No, continue to priority-based screening factors.	In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• had a NRCS contract terminated or cancelled; and/or,</li> <li>• has a current contract not on schedule; and/or,</li> <li>• has received an NRCS-CPA-153 on an active contract that is still out of compliance (does not include 153s as a result of NRCS error); and/or</li> <li>• does not have a prioritized LWG resource concern.</li> </ul>
If Yes, <b>Medium Priority</b> status in ProTracts.  If No, continue to the next question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application has a prioritized resource concern but does not meet the criteria required to be determined a High priority application OR the application treats a resource concern to criteria required to be High but would result in a <i>not likely to adversely affect</i> or <i>likely to adversely affect</i> determination for Federally listed species and/or their critical habitat and not be covered under an existing programmatic ESA or EFH consultation.</li> </ul>
If Yes, <b>High Priority</b> status in ProTracts.	Application treats one of the following priority resource concerns and to the level described and will have <i>no effect</i> on Federally listed species and their designated critical habitat or be <i>Not Likely to Adversely Affect</i> Federally listed species if covered under an existing programmatic ESA/EFH consultation or if a partner commits to author the BA (documentation needed in case file for this option): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Productivity and Health.</b> The applicant seeks to implement practices which will:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PS666 which is documented as needed in a Forest Stewardship Plan and at least 300 stems per acre be removed on 75% of the proposed treatment area and/or have crown ratios of 40% or less on 75% of the field; or</li> <li>2. PS612 which is documented as needed in a Forest Stewardship Plan on 75% of the proposed treatment area; or.</li> <li>3. PS528 and associated practices to address a PCS <math>\leq</math>40.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water Quality Degradation, Excess Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications or Excess Nutrients in Surface and/or Groundwater or Excessive sediment in surface waters.</b> The applicant seeks to implement practices:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identified in an approved CNMP; or</li> <li>2. relating to importing/storing animal/plant waste; or</li> <li>3. to properly balance nutrient applications; or</li> <li>4. to fence livestock out of a stream; or</li> <li>5. to address sediment delivery from access roads to waterways and meets Forest Roads Guidance.</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• <b>Insufficient Water, Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water.</b> The applicant seeks to implement practices:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to address an irrigation system currently operating below 80% efficiency and has a draft design completed; or</li> <li>2. to store rainwater runoff from a current structure for the purpose of irrigation where irrigation resources are lacking due to drought, competition, or regulation.</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• <b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Habitat, Habitat Degradation.</b> The application seeks to implement practices which will have a direct benefit to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Federally-listed species and/or their designated critical habitat; or</li> <li>2. State-listed species; or</li> <li>3. Species of greatest conservation concern; or</li> <li>4. Pollinators and/or beneficial insects; or</li> <li>5. Anadromous fish; or</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• <b>Soil Erosion, Sheet and Rill or Soil Quality Degradation, Compaction or Organic Matter Depletion.</b> The applicant seeks to implement practices which will:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Address a negative Soil Conditioning Index; or</li> <li>2. Address a penetrometer reading of &gt;200 PSI or soil investigation indicates compaction is present; or</li> <li>3. Bring STIR rating to below 80.</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• <b>Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Productivity and Health.</b> The applicant seeks to implement PS325 and is current producing marketable vegetables, flowers, or fruit crops on the footprint where the high tunnel is proposed for installation and the high tunnel will benefit crops currently in the rotation.</li> </ul>
<b>Application Screening Priority:</b>	
District Conservationist Approval Signature:	
Date Approved:	