

**WA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
GENERAL SCREENING TOOL WORKSHEET - Fiscal Year 2019**

This screening tool is required for South Central Team Local Working Group Pools.

Instructions: Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, “cut-off” dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation.

The goal of this screening tool is to streamline workload and to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are efficiently allocated to address priority conservation needs related to the 2014 Farm Bill. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of an EQIP contract. This original screening worksheet must be filed in the applicant case file and the screening priority (High, Medium, or Low) shall be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet will be provided to the applicant.

Applicant Name:	Fund Code:
Application Number: 74054619 __ __ __	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date: / /

State Resource Assessment revised 2012-15 (SRA) and Tribal Resource Assessment (TRA): Located at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wa/technical/>

Resource Concern(s): _____

Landuse(s): _____

(LOW)

- Application is eligible, but doesn't treat 1 of the top 10 resource concerns in the applicable SRA or TRA - Or
- The land within the application area already meets Resource Planning Criteria. - Or
- Applicant has an active contract with an uncertified practice that is scheduled for 2016 - Or prior (Excluding NRCS caused delays) or has received a CPA-153 on an active contract - Or
- Applicant has had previous contract terminations.

(MEDIUM)

- Does not treat a LWG priority natural resource concern, but the application does clearly treat at least one of the top 10 priority natural resource concerns within a priority area in the revised applicable SRA or TRA.- Or
- Treats a LWG priority resource concern, but does not meet the screening targets on page 2.

(HIGH) Application is for implementing a current (existing) RMS plan and/or will treat a priority Local Work Group natural resource concern listed on page 2.

Planning priority from page 2

Priority A

Priority B

(HIGH) Application is for a CAP, or for a Veteran Farmer or Rancher in the SD or BF pool.

The application priority equals the lowest applicable checked box. After entering this screening priority in ProTracts, you may proceed with ranking the HIGH priority applications in the AERT. Medium and LOW priority applications should not be ranked and will be deferred at the end of the FY. All VFR applications within the BF and SD pools will be given a “high” priority and must be ranked.

DC Approval:	Date:
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LWG Resource Concern(s): Circle the highest level of conservation under the applicable resource concern. Those with A circled, check Priority A on the front page, those with B circled, check Priority B. If the application does not meet either criteria, they are medium.

- Soil Erosion: Wind, sheet and rill:**
 - A. Is the application converting from conventional till to a no till (329) with a STIR no great than 20, Cover Crop (340), or permanent vegetative cover (550), (512)
 - B. Is the application converting from conventional till to mulch till (345), with a STIR value of no greater than 40.

- Soil Health: Organic Matter Depletion**
 - A. Does the existing management system have an SCI less than -1.0?
 - B. Does the existing management system have an SCI less than or equal to -0.5?

- Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water:**
 - A. Is the application converting a surface system to an irrigation system with greater than 90% efficiency?
 - B. Is the application converting a surface system to an irrigation system with greater than 75% efficiency?

- Water Quality: Nutrients and Pesticides in ground and surface waters:**
 - A. Does the current operation involve animal waste storage and has a current CNMP?
 - B. Does the current operation involve nutrient application?

- Forestry: Degraded Plant Condition:**
 - A. Application is implementing an existing and current forest management plan?
 - B. Is the proposed treatment to enhance forest health?

- Range: Degraded Plant Condition:**
 - A. Does the proposed plan include prescribed grazing?
 - B. Is the proposed treatment to enhance range health on range ground that currently has undesirable plant health and vigor?

- Pasture: Degraded Plant Condition:**
 - A. Does the proposed plan include prescribed grazing?
 - B. Is the proposed treatment to enhance pasture health on a pasture that currently has undesirable plant health and vigor?

- Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife:**
 - A. Does the proposed treatment enhance or protect a riparian area?
 - B. Does the proposed treatment to enhance wildlife habitat include planting a shrub or forb?