

2018 Farm Bill Priorities Alaska State Technical Committee Recommendations

In order of Committee ranking during the January 2020 meeting:

- Conservation practices/tools related to increasing salmon populations and habitat - 15
 - Benefits to all freshwater fish
 - Forest soil health
 - Salmon-safe agricultural best management practices
- Capacity building for TCDs and SWCDs - 12
- Protection and enhancement of traditionally and culturally used resources - 8
- Forestland health / fire hazard reduction - 8
- Cropland health - 6
- Development of Alaska-specific resource treatments - 5
- Reduction of non-point source pollution/Source water protection
- Flooding - 4
- Grazing and pasture land health - 3
- Beginning farmers, ranchers and land managers
- Invasive species
- Air Quality
- Water Quality

From the NRCS State Leadership Team meeting in March 2020, the following priorities were refined for use in FY 2020 Farm Bill conservation planning and ranking:

- 1) Increasing fresh water fish habitat and populations.**
- 2) Protection and enhancement of traditionally and culturally used resources**
- 3) Forestland health and wildfire hazard reduction**
- 4) Soil health**

- Capacity building for TCDs and SWCDs will be addressed through NRCS activities other than Farm Bill programs.
- Development of Alaska-specific resource treatments falls within CIG purposes
- Reduction of non-point source pollution/source water protection is already an initiative within agency funding pools.