EQIP Common Loon Platform - Habitat Assessment

Landowner: _______________________________________  Date: _____________

Planner: __________________________________________

1. WILL THE PLATFORM BE PLACED ON A LAKE WITHIN THE COMMON LOON BREEDING RANGE (Figure 1)?
   NO –STOP, the application is not eligible.
   YES - CONTINUE

2. IS THERE CURRENTLY DOCUMENTED NESTING ON THE LAKE OR ON ANOTHER LAKE WITHIN 1 MILE?
   • YES 10
   • YES - AND the lake is > 100 acres in size but experiences water level fluctuations which have caused nest failure. 8
   • NO - AND the lake is > 100 acres in size 3

3. WHAT IS THE MNDNR CLASSIFICATION OF THE LAKE?
   • Natural Environmental Lake 10
   • Recreational Development Lake 5
   • General Development Lake 0

4. NEST PLATFORM PLACEMENT (Figure 2)
   • Platform will be placed in a wind sheltered bay 10
   • Platform will be placed leeward of the prevailing wind 8
   • All other locations 0

5. DISTANCE FROM SHORELINE
   • > 50 feet 10
   • 30’ – 50’ 5
   • < 30’ 0

6. WATER DEPTH AT PLATFORM
   • > 4’ 10
   • 2’ – 4’ 5
   • < 2’ 0

TOTAL

EQIP Guidance
• If any factor scores 0, the practice is not needed or feasible.
• Due to the territorial nature of the Common loon, only one platform per 200 acre surface area is recommended.
Figure 1: Common Loon Breeding Range

Figure 2: Nest Platform Placement