

Riparian Open Space Program

Prioritization Evaluation Criteria

| Prioritization Evaluation Summary | | | |
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| Criteria for Conveyances per WAC 222-23-025 | Evaluation Elements | Possible Points | Actual Score |
| Ecological Value | • Importance to salmonids | 15 | |
| | • Water quality benefits | 15 | |
| | • Quality of habitat | 15 | |
| | • Site significance | 15 | |
| Immediacy of Need | • Landowner's statement of need | 40 | |
| Order of Receipt | • Application order received | * | |
| | Total Points Possible | 100 | |

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Considerations for scoring:

Ecological Value:

- Importance to salmonids: Fish use as described in Salmon and Steelhead Habitat Inventory and Assessment Program (SSHIAP) and Washington State Conservation Commission's Habitat Limiting Factors Reports.
- Water quality benefits: Water quality as described in WA State Dept. of Ecology Environmental Assessment Programs (i.e. River and Stream Water Quality Monitoring, Stream Biological Monitoring, Status and Trends Statewide Monitoring Framework, etc.) and Water Quality Assessment (303[d]) & Water Quality Improvement Projects (TMDLs).
- Quality of habitat: Does the timber on the site contribute shade or other riparian functions? Does the statement describe how the CMZ supports salmon and other aquatic species?
- Site significance: Is this site unique in some way? Who owns the surrounding properties, how are they managed and how does this site fit with them from a fisheries enhancement and water quality perspective? What is the proximity to other protected sites (i.e. Federal forest land, conservation organization ownership, conservation easements, etc.)?

Immediacy of Need:

- Does the landowner make a compelling statement? Will the money be invested in other conservation acquisition or activity? Does the statement describe the relative financial impact of Forest & Fish rules and/or other regulations and the degree of impact on their property? Is the need more/less immediate for other reasons? Can the landowner show readiness to proceed?

Order of Receipt:

This evaluation criterion will determine priority only for those projects that have the same sum of points in Ecological Value and Immediacy of Need. The application received by DNR prior to the other applications with matching points will have a higher priority.