

SAN JUAN COUNTY WRIA 2 LEAD ENTITY

**Timeline and Outline of Process including Evaluation Criteria
for
10th Round (2009) Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Proposal Review**

SRFB **Draft** Policy Manual and Application forms available at: <http://www.rco.wa.gov/srfb/docs.htm>
Final approval by the SRF Board of the manual and application forms will occur on May 14-15.

Week of March 23

Lead Entity Coordinator distributes reminder to sponsors regarding projects and any updates need to be in the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS): <http://hws.ekosystem.us/>

Week of March 16

Lead Entity Coordinator will distribute the timeline and criteria for the local ranking of the SRFB round 10 proposals to the Salmon Core Group (MRC Salmon Subcommittee and TAG) for review and feedback.

Week of March 30

Lead Entity Coordinator will distribute an email announcement to potential sponsors and interested citizens along with the **draft** round 10 evaluation criteria.

April 24

Last date for project sponsors to provide any updates to the 3 year work plan in the HWS.

May 6 - 8:30-10:30am

MRC as the CAG (Citizens Advisory Group) adopts evaluation criteria for the review of SRFB round 10 proposals.

May 7

Requests for Proposals - The Lead Entity will distribute the **final approved** round 10 evaluation criteria to potential sponsors and interested citizens. A press release will also be submitted to local newspapers.

May

SRFB holds application workshops around the state for potential project sponsors to assist applicants with completing forms. Dates and Locations:

- May 20th – Yakima
- May 27th – Olympia
- May 28th – Mt. Vernon

June 5

Pre-Applications Due - SRFB round 10 pre-applications must be entered in PRISM. Pre-proposals must be as complete as possible for the SRFB Review Panel site visit and local TAG review.

June 1 – August 5

Local TAG Review Process -

The Salmon Technical Advisory Group (TAG) reviews proposals and ranks them according to the evaluation criteria approved by the MRC (CAG) using guidelines from the SRFB, our chapter in the Salmon Recovery Plan, and the 3 year work plan.

TAG preparatory conference call proposed for week of June 1. (Date TBD)

Project Presentations June 17th and possibly 18th - all day.

TAG initial review meeting June 19th.

TAG final review meeting July 29th.

Joint TAG/CAG meeting on August 5th 8:30-10:30am.

June 17 (and possibly 18)

Site visits - review presentations and preliminary review of proposed round 10 projects with the SRFB Review Panel and project sponsors. TAG and MRC (CAG) members are strongly encouraged to attend.

June 19

Initial TAG meeting to evaluate and provide feedback on pre-applications.

May - July

SRFB Review Panel completes initial review of proposals and provides feedback to sponsors.

June 22 - July 13

Project sponsors respond and update proposals based on initial reviews and feedback from local TAG and SRFB Review Panel.

July 13

Final Proposals Due - Any updates to round 10 proposals are due in PRISM by end of day.

July 29

Final TAG meeting to evaluate and score final proposals.

August 5 – 8:30-10:30am

Joint TAG and CAG (MRC) meeting where the TAG team presents to the MRC their final scoring for each of the proposals.

August 19 – 8:30-10:30am

The MRC as the CAG finalizes scoring on the round 10 proposals and adopts a final ranked list of proposals.

September 1

Final PRISM Submittal - All project sponsors must have all application information input in PRISM. Lead Entity Coordinator submits the ranked list of proposals to the SRFB.

Lead Entity provides supporting documentation outlining local evaluation process, project list, etc. to Puget Sound Partnership Salmon Recovery staff along with final project list.

September 14

Final regional funding recommendations due to SRFB. LE and sponsors adjust projects as needed to meet funding allocation.

September 2 – September 30

SRFB staff review applications, Review Panel provides draft report on evaluation of projects and identification of “needs more information” and “projects of concern”.

October 12-16

Regional and local presentations to SRFB Review Panel. Presentations to SRFB Review Panel regarding projects of concern. (Puget Sound Region’s date TBD, most likely on 10/13.)

October 30 - November 13

RCO/SRFB staff provides draft report which includes preliminary conclusions and recommendations, also identifies projects of concern.

November 20

Final funding recommendation report from RCO/SRFB staff is published.
LE and sponsors adjust projects as needed to meet funding allocation targets.

December 10-11

SRF Board meets to adopt project lists and finalize funding.

San Juan County (WRIA 2) Scoring Criteria for Round 10 (2009) Salmon Recovery Funding

Approved by the San Juan County Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) / San Juan County MRC on May 6, 2009.

Pre-Application Evaluation Criteria

A pre-application starts with completing the new application wizard in PRISM including the project name, project type, and sponsor. The following information and attachments also must be submitted in PRISM for pre-application review:

- A project location map
- A site or parcel map
- A preliminary design plan or sketch for restoration projects and any future restoration projects.
- A project description
- Estimated budget
- Evidence that project is part of a recovery plan or lead entity strategy

During the pre-application review process, the local Salmon Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will provide preliminary feedback regarding questions and/or recommendations on how the proposals could be enhanced. Scoring is based on Red, Yellow or Green.

This is the guidance used for Red, Yellow, Green scoring:

Red = Not Recommend

Proposal does not fit the local salmon recovery strategy and/or issues can not be addressed during timeframe for the funding round. Proposal may not be eligible to move forward and be submitted for SRFB funding.

Yellow = Recommend with changes

Questions, feedback, comments and recommendations are provided to project proponent to clarify, enhance or improve proposal. Proposal could move to green once questions/issues are addressed. Moving from Yellow to Green is via TAG consensus.

Green = Recommend

Proposal is acceptable and/or issues have been resolved. Proposal is eligible to be submitted for SRFB funding. Additional comments are noted to suggest enhancements or improvements for the proposal.

Final Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Total project evaluation scores will be comprised as follows: Benefit to Salmon - 65%, Fit to Plan/Strategy - 20%, and Socioeconomic Impacts - 15%. The local Salmon Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will also evaluate projects based on Certainty of Success which will be categorized by Red, Yellow or Green.

Proposals should be complete, succinct and clear. Sponsors should document assertions when necessary. Reviewers will not give the benefit of the doubt to incomplete or vague applications.

When scoring projects, rank each project from 1-10 under each category (Benefit to Salmon, Fit to Plan/Strategy, and Socioeconomic Impacts). TAG and CAG members should use only whole numbers in scoring projects; please do not use decimals or fractions. Overall score will be determined by multiplying the score for each category by its weight and adding to obtain the final score. For example, a score of 8 for Benefit to Salmon, 8 for Fit to Plan/Strategy and 6 for Socioeconomic Impacts would have a final score as follows: $8(0.65) + 8(0.2) + 6(0.15) = 7.7$.

TAG members are encouraged to ask questions regarding projects, and information should be shared between reviewers.

Certainty of Success (Red, Yellow, Green) – Scored by TAG

Certainty of Success will be evaluated based on sponsor documentation that establishes the project intent regarding:

- Technical Feasibility, Methodology, Achievability - Accomplish the objectives within the stated period of time given the requested resources and available matching funds.
- Require limited maintenance, work with natural ecosystem processes, be self-sustaining, and use materials appropriate in scale and complexity to efficiently accomplish the work.
- Documented landowner cooperation/approval, permitting processes and requirements completed, water availability, etc.
- Make effective use of matching funds.
- Supporting documentation of all project partners and what match each partner may be providing.
- How could the project be impacted by climate change / sea level rise?

SCORING: Scoring will be based on:

Red = Not Recommend

Proposal does not fit the local salmon recovery strategy and/or issues can not be addressed during timeframe for the funding round. Proposal is not eligible and may not be submitted for SRFB funding.

However, the TAG should still score the proposal as much as possible on the additional criteria so that that the CAG has information for them to make any final decisions, if needed, regarding which proposals may advance for SRFB funding.

Yellow = Recommend with changes

Questions, feedback, recommendations provided to project proponent to clarify, enhance or improve proposal. Proposal could become eligible once questions/issues are addressed.

Moving from Yellow to Green is via TAG consensus.

Green = Recommend

Proposal is acceptable and/or issues have been resolved. Proposal is eligible to be submitted for SRFB funding.

Benefit to Salmon (65 %) – Scored by TAG

Benefit to salmon will be evaluated based on sponsor documentation that establishes the project intent to address hypotheses and actions in the local salmon recovery strategy. (Refer to the conceptual

model on page 8 which provides an overview of the local salmon recovery strategy.) Preference will be given to projects that are Chinook focused and address factors affecting Chinook.

In general, projects will be evaluated based on Scientific Merit, Costs vs. Benefits, Potential of Project to Inform Efforts, etc.

- Pursue the most cost effective alternative to achieve the desired outcome.
- Assessment Projects: Collect data consistent with current monitoring protocols, including statistical precision criteria, where applicable.
- Assessment Projects: Show how the results of the assessment will be used to inform and support the Activity associated with the work plan.
- Protection and Restoration Projects: Validly use previously collected assessment data to show that project will benefit a particular life history phase, stock of salmon, habitat type and/or salmon prey species. In order for projects to be ranked as high priority, sponsor must show linkage with previous assessment work and document the appropriate assessment data to demonstrate benefit of project.
- Protection and Restoration Projects: Build on previous habitat projects on site or nearby.

SCORING: Total possible score = 10. Weight = 65%

Fit to Plan/Strategy (20 %) – Scored by TAG

Fit will be evaluated based on how well the proposed project fits the local strategy and the 3 year work plan. The project should be documented in the 3 year work plan and should be in the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) <http://hws.ekosystem.us/> . If the project is not specifically documented in the 3 year work plan or the HWS it must be based upon an action from the work plan and/or local recovery strategy.

SCORING: Total possible score = 10. Weight = 20%

Socioeconomic Impacts (15 %) – Scored by CAG

(Note: Even though this category is scored by the CAG, any input from the TAG is welcome.)

Socioeconomic Impacts will be evaluated based on sponsor documentation that establishes the project intent to:

- Build community support in terms of volunteer contributors and/or local partners; enhance community education and outreach about the watershed.
- Synergistic Activity - Complements, enhances, provides synergy with existing programs.
- Produce secondary community benefits such as increased public safety, decreased risk of property damage, or improvements to physical infrastructure.
- Sustainable disposal plan – how is any de-construction waste reused, recycled or otherwise disposed of?

SCORING: Use the points indicated above per bullet to derive a score from 0-10. Total possible score = 10. Weight = 15%.

San Juan County / WRIA2 Goals, Objectives and Priorities for Salmon Recovery

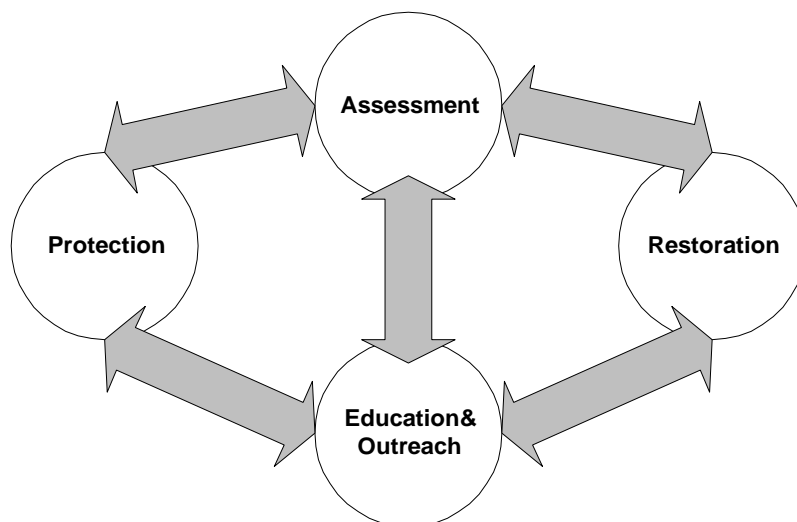
The key 10-year goal of WRIA 2 / San Juan County is to identify critical habitats and ecosystem interactions in order to develop protection and restoration actions that will be most effective in moving populations of Puget Sound Chinook towards recovery.

In San Juan County / WRIA2 protection of high quality nearshore marine habitat is the top salmon recovery goal. The current prioritized action strategy to meet the protection goal is:

1. Assessment Projects – to fill critical data gaps via conservation research assessments which will enhance and support protection and identify needs and opportunities for restoration;
2. Protection Projects – includes data sharing, stewardship, acquisition and easements, incentives and education;
3. Restoration Projects – to be based on habitat condition assessments.

The primary placement of assessment strategies is a starting point to enhance protection and identify needs and opportunities for restoration. Assessment includes filling data gaps, monitoring, and conducting research that will in turn support protection and restoration efforts. Assessments ranked first for WRIA2 because - at least for the next several years - better information will significantly enhance the use of existing voluntary and regulatory tools for nearshore habitat protection and restoration.

The following diagram illustrates the intended inter-connections among the three strategic arms and the relationship to the shared outreach and education component.



A conceptual model of the local salmon recovery strategy for San Juan County follows. The model was developed as a mechanism to provide a brief overview of the local salmon recovery strategy for WRIA 2.

