

Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Project Scoring Sheet FY2016 Funding Cycle

Project Name: _____

State: _____ Region _____

Applicant: _____

Total Project Score: _____ Reviewer: _____

Section	Score
I.	
II.	
III.	
IV.	
V.	
Total	

	Yes	No
State Letter of Support		
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I. PARTNERSHIPS AND PROJECT LEVERAGING	Total Section Points = 20	Reviewer Score
<p>A. What is the ratio of non-FWS partner contributions to the total FWS-NFHAP funding request?</p> <p>Note: The total FWS-NFHAP funding request is calculated by dividing the applicant's request by 0.7 in order to account for the costs the FWS adds to cover overhead. Example: \$50,000 ÷ 0.7 = \$71,429 total FWS-NFHAP funding request. Please refer to the Excel spreadsheet for the appropriate amounts needed to calculate this ratio (non-FWS partner contributions ÷ total FWS-NFHAP funding request).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <1.0:1 = 0 1.0-1.9:1 = 2 2.0-2.9:1 = 4 3.0-3.9:1 = 8 4.0-4.9:1 = 12 ≥5.0:1 = 15 </p> <p>(Section I – H)</p>	Maximum = 15	
<p>B. Number of partner categories (state/federal government, NGO, university, watershed group, etc.) involved in proposed project?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> 1 partner category = 0 2–4 partner categories = 3 >4 partner categories = 5 </p> <p>(Section I – H)</p>	Maximum = 5	

II. TECHNICAL DESIGN / METHODS	Total Section Points = 25	Reviewer Score
<p>A. Project Success – Is the technical design of the project adequate to achieve the proposed conservation outcomes? Is the project technically feasible from a biological and engineering perspective based on scope of work, designs, etc?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Complete confidence in ability to achieve goals based on techniques/methods proposed = 10 Moderate confidence in ability to achieve goals with techniques/methods proposed = 5 Project not technically sound = 0</p> <p>(Section I – A)</p>	Maximum = 10	
<p>B. Does the project applicant(s) have the technical capacity/knowledge to conduct the scope and scale of the proposed project?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No = 0 points Yes = 5 points</p> <p>(Section I – H)</p>	Maximum = 5	
<p>C. Will the project provide expansion or improvement of existing habitats?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Minimal amount = 0 Moderate amount = 5 Substantial amount = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 4)</p>	Maximum = 10	
III. CONSERVATION OF SUSTAINABLE POPULATIONS	Total Section Points = 90	Reviewer Score
<p>A. Will the investment in the project be protected? Is the project area currently protected? (Project area = footprint of action <u>not</u> surrounding areas upstream or downstream)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">100% protected in perpetuity (fee simple, on public land, permanent conservation easement, etc) = 10 > 50% protected in perpetuity = 7 < 50% protected in perpetuity or a term agreement = 3 None = 0</p> <p>(Section V – 5)</p>	Maximum = 10	
<p>B. What percentage of the watershed above the proposed project is protected in perpetuity (public ownership, development restrictions, easements, etc)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><10% = 0 10–49% = 5 50–74% = 7 75-100% = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 6)</p>	Maximum = 10	

<p>C. Does the project contribute to EBTJV Regional Habitat Objectives? 0 Objectives Supported = 0 1 Objective Supported = 2 2 Objectives Supported = 4 3 Objectives Supported = 7 4 or More Objectives Supported = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 7)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>D. Does the project contribute to EBTJV conservation priorities? 0 Priorities Supported = 0 1 Priority Supported = 3 2 Priorities Supported = 6 3 or More Priorities Supported = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 8)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>E. Does the project contribute to common state-level objectives? 0 Objectives Supported = 0 1 Objective Supported = 2 2 Objectives Supported = 4 3 Objectives Supported = 7 4 or More Objectives Supported = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 9)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>F. a) Improves and reconnects habitat adjacent to the best of the best intact habitat (intact subwatershed priority score is between 1.30 and 1.66) No = 0 Yes = 10</p> <p>b) Protects the best of the best intact habitat (intact subwatershed priority score is between 1.30 and 1.66) No = 0 Yes = 10</p> <p>Note: Reviewers should score the project for either F. a) or F. b), not both.</p> <p>(Section V – 10)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>G. What is the EBTJV sub-watershed priority score for this project? Priority score 0.0 – 0.2 = 5 Priority score 0.21–0.65 = 10 Priority score 0.66 – 1.29 = 15 Priority score 1.30 – 1.66 = 20</p> <p>(Section V – 10)</p>	<p>Maximum = 20</p>	
<p>H. Does the project contribute to the conservation of federally listed threatened or endangered species, or Service priority species (other than brook trout)? None = 0 1 = 3 ≥2 = 5</p> <p>(Section V – 11)</p>	<p>Maximum = 5</p>	

<p>I. Does the project contribute to conservation of state listed threatened or endangered species, or species of greatest conservation need (other than brook trout)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">None = 0 1 = 2 ≥2 = 5</p> <p>(Section V – 12)</p>	<p>Maximum = 5</p>	
<p>IV. PROJECT PLANNING AND SUCCESS</p>	<p>Total Section Points = 105</p>	<p>Reviewer Score</p>
<p>A. Does the project address the root cause of watershed degradation?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Addresses no causes = 0 Addresses some causes = 3–5 Addresses majority of causes = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 14)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>B. Is there a plan to monitor/evaluate the effectiveness of the project outcomes included in the project proposal?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No effectiveness monitoring/evaluation plan = 0 Minimal effectiveness monitoring /evaluation plan = 2 Moderate effectiveness monitoring /evaluation plan = 5 Extensive, well developed effectiveness monitoring/evaluation plan (>2 years) = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 15)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>C. To what degree could the project strengthen brook trout population status (percentage increase in habitat occupied by brook trout)? This could include restoration of natural reproduction, range expansion, or an increase in fish abundance or fish condition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No improvement likely = 0 Minimal to moderate improvement in population status likely = 5 Significant improvement in population status likely = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 16)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	

<p>D. What is the probability of long- term success of the project? (The project selection committee will determine long-term success based on information provided in the application)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">High = 10 Medium = 5 Low = 0</p> <p>(Section V – 17)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>E. Does the project address, support or build upon existing action plan(s) (e.g. state fish & wildlife, watershed protection, water quality improvement, land or water-use plan(s), or other regional plan(s))?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No = 0 points Yes, the project supports at least one goal in a conservation plan = 5 points Yes, the project supports at least one goal in one or more conservation plan = 10 points</p> <p>(Section V – 18)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>F. Are there competitive non-native or invasive fish species within the watershed with access (no barrier) to the proposed project?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = 0 No = 10</p> <p>(Section V – 19)</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	
<p>G. Stocking – Are other strains of brook trout, non-native salmonids or other exotics stocked at the proposed site or will they have access following project completion?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Stocking in HUC = 0 Stocking in HUC, but below a barrier = 5 No stocking in HUC, but in adjacent HUCs = 10 No stocking in HUC or adjacent HUCs = 15</p> <p>(Section V – 19)</p>	<p>Maximum = 15</p>	
<p>H. Are all major budget items justified in relation to the project’s goals/objectives?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No = 0 points Yes, the major budget items are justified = 5 point</p> <p>(Sections I – A; I – G; IV – B)</p>	<p>Maximum = 5</p>	
<p>I. Project Planning – Is the project planned, permitted and ready to begin?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No = 0 Permits are Pending = 10 Yes = 20</p> <p>(Section V – 20)</p>	<p>Maximum = 20</p>	

V. MANAGEMENT ASSETS	Total Section Points = 50	Reviewer Score
<p>A. Will public access be allowed at the proposed site?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No public access allowed = 0 Limited / Restricted public access = 5-10 Unrestricted public access = 15</p> <p>(Section V – 21)</p>	Maximum =15	
<p>B. Will the project increase recreational fishing opportunities for wild brook trout?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No increase in recreational fishing opportunities = 0 Moderate increase in recreational fishing opportunities = 10 Substantial increase in recreational fishing opportunities = 15</p> <p>(Section V – 22)</p>	Maximum =15	
<p>C. What is the recreational potential of the fishery (fish abundance, fish size, accessibility for fishing)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No recreational potential = 0 Low recreational potential = 5 Moderate recreational potential = 10 High recreational potential =15</p> <p>(Section V – 23)</p>	Maximum =15	
<p>D. Does the project include an educational component?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No educational component = 0 Minimal educational component = 1 Moderate educational component = 3 Extensive educational component = 5</p> <p>(Section V – 24)</p>	Maximum =5	

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