

**Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Evaluation Criteria**  
**Questions for Combination Projects**  
**Adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board**  
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**Evaluation Question Summary For Projects Meeting a Single Program Purpose: Protection and Enhancement**

Scored By	#	Question	Project Type Questions	Evaluators Score	Multiplier	Maximum Points	Weight (%)
Advisory Committee	1	Fit with ALEA Program Goals	ALL	0-5	3	15	23%
Advisory Committee	2	Project Need	ALL	0-5	4	20	30%
Advisory Committee	3	Site Suitability	ALL	0-5	2	10	15%
Advisory Committee	4	Urgency and Viability	Acquisition	0-5	2	10	15%
			Combination	0-5	1	5	7%
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design and Viability	Restoration	0-5	2	10	15%
			Combination	0-5	1	5	7%
Advisory Committee	6	Community Involvement and Support	ALL	0-5	2	10	15%
RCO Staff	7	Growth Management Act Preference	ALL	0	1	0	0%
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to People	ALL	0-1	1	1	2%
<b>Total Possible Points</b>						<b>66</b>	

**ALEA Evaluation Question Summary For Projects Meeting a Single Program Purpose: Public Access**

Scored By	#	Question	Project Type Questions	Evaluators Score	Multiplier	Maximum Points	Weight
Advisory Committee	1	Fit with ALEA Program Goals	ALL	0-5	3	15	23%
Advisory Committee	2	Project Need	ALL	0-5	4	20	30%
Advisory Committee	3	Site Suitability	ALL	0-5	2	10	15%
Advisory Committee	4	Urgency and Viability	Acquisition	0-5	2	10	15%
			Combination	0-5	1	5	7%
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design and Viability	Development	0-5	2	10	15%
			Combination	0-5	1	5	7%
Advisory Committee	6	Community Involvement and Support	ALL	0-5	2	10	15%
RCO Staff	7	Growth Management Act Preference	ALL	0	1	0	0%
RCO Staff	8	Proximity to People	ALL	0-1	1	1	2%
<b>Total Possible Points</b>						<b>66</b>	

**Evaluation Question Summary For Projects Meeting Both Program Purposes: Protection and Enhancement AND Public Access Elements**

Scored By	#	Question	Elements	Project Type Questions	Score	Multiplier	Maximum Points	Total Points	Weight
Advisory Committee	1	Fit with ALEA Program Goals	Protection and Enhancement Elements	All Projects	0-5	2	10	20	28%
			Public Access Elements	All Projects	0-5	2	10		
Advisory Committee	2	Project Need	Protection and Enhancement Elements	All Projects	0-5	2	10	20	28%
			Public Access Elements	All Projects	0-5	2	10		
Advisory Committee	3	Site Suitability	Protection and Enhancement Elements	All Projects	0-5	1	5	10	14%
			Public Access Elements	All Projects	0-5	1	5		
Advisory Committee	4	Urgency and Viability	All Elements	Acquisition	0-5	2	10	10	14%
			All Elements	Combination	0-5	1	5	5	6.5%
Advisory Committee	5	Project Design and Viability	Protection and Enhancement Elements	Restoration and Development	0-5	1	5	10	14%
			Public Access Elements	Restoration and Development	0-5	1	5		
			Protection and Enhancement Elements	Combination	0-5	0.5	2.5	5	6.5%
			Public Access Elements	Combination	0-5	0.5	2.5		
Advisory Committee	6	Community Involvement and Support	All Elements	All Projects	0-5	2	10	10	14%
RCO Staff	7	Growth Management Act Preference	All Elements	All Projects	0	1	0	0	0%

RCO Staff	8	Proximity to People	All Elements	All Projects	0-1	1	1	1	2%
							<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>

#### Evaluation Question #4

**4. Urgency and Viability.** Only acquisition and combination projects answer this question.

- Why purchase this particular property at this time? How viable are the anticipated future uses and benefits of the site?
  - If ALEA funding is not made available, will high priority aquatic land habitat and/or public access be lost?
  - What are the alternatives to acquiring the property?
  - Is there an immediate threat or will the property be available for acquisition or enhancement at a later time?
  - What is the likelihood that the property will be converted to a non-recreational use or that aquatic habitat resources will be impacted or lost if the property is not acquired now?
  - Is there a threat to the public availability of the resources at the site?
  - Will the site be available immediately for public use or will the site require some improvement to make it available for public use? If improvements are necessary, when will the improvements be made?
  - What is the nature and condition of existing surrounding land use as well as future factors such as shoreline designation, zoning, or comprehensive or project-specific planning that may impact the viability of the site?
  - Describe land management practices in the area that may affect the viability of the site?
  - Who will maintain the site and what resources are necessary and available for that maintenance?
- ▲ Evaluators score 0-5 points for all acquisition or combination projects. The total score for acquisition projects is multiplied by 2 for a total of 10 possible points. There is no multiplier for combination projects.

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#### Evaluation Question #5

**5. Project Design and Viability.** Only restoration and enhancement projects, public access development projects, or combination projects answer this question.

#### *A. Restoration and Enhancement Projects*

- How does the project address the stated restoration or enhancement need? Is the project well designed? Will the project lead to sustainable ecological functions and processes over time?
- How will the site be treated to re-establish the desired ecological processes and functions?
- What habitat functions will be enhanced or restored?
- How well does the proposed restoration or enhancement design or actions address desired long-term results?
- What is the certainty that the restoration or enhancement actions will be successful?
- Will the project require decreasing involvement over time?
- What is the habitat quality and land management practices in the area that may affect the viability of the site?
- What is the nature and condition of existing surrounding land use as well as future concerns such as shoreline designation, zoning, or comprehensive or project-specific planning?
- How will the site be managed over time to maintain the desired ecological processes and functions?
- Who will maintain the site and what resources are necessary and available to do it?

#### *B. Public Access Projects*

- How well does the project address the stated public access need? Is the project well designed? Will the project result in public access to aquatic lands that protect the integrity of the environment?

Some design elements that may be considered include accuracy of cost estimate, aesthetics, maintenance requirements, materials, phasing, risk management, recreational experience, spatial relationships, universal accessibility, and user friendly design.

- Does the project demonstrate good design criteria; does it make the best use of the site?
- Does the design provide equal access for all people, including those with disabilities?
- Does the proposed development protect the natural resources on site? For example, does the project include low impact development techniques, green infrastructure, or environmentally preferred building products?

- Is the site design visually integrated into the landscape features?
- How will the site be designed to handle projected use?
- What is the nature and condition of existing surrounding land use as well as future concerns such as shoreline designation, zoning, or comprehensive or project-specific planning?
- How likely are the proposed public use facilities given the required regulatory and proprietary approvals, funding, etc.?
- Who will maintain the site and what resources are necessary and available to do it?
- What outdoor environmental education elements are included in the project?
  - How much effort is dedicated to interpreting the value of the aquatic lands?
  - Are the themes or concepts appropriate to the specific site?
  - Does the content in the display match the intended audience?
  - Is the interpretive display accessible to wide variety of users?
- ▲ Evaluators score 0-5 points for protection and enhancement only or public access only projects. The total score is multiplied by 2 for a total of 10 possible points. For combination projects, there is no multiplier on the total score.
- ▲ If the project includes both protection and enhancement and public access elements, evaluators score 0-5 for protection and enhancement questions and 0-5 for public access questions for a total of 10 possible points. There is no multiplier except for combination projects, in which case, the each score is multiplied 0.5 for a total of 5 possible points.

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