

**Boating Facility Program Evaluation Criteria Changes  
 Adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
 February 9, 2016 (Item 6, Attachment I)  
 Resolution #2016-10 as amended**

The following evaluation questions were added/changed:

1. Changed Project Design Question (#3b)
2. Added Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship (new evaluation question #5)
3. Added Preference for boats on trailers (new evaluation question #6)
4. Added Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Priorities (new evaluation question #9)

**New Evaluation Criteria (Areas of Change in RED)**

<b>Boating Facilities Program Evaluation Criteria Summary</b>				
<b>Scored by</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15
Advisory Committee	2	Site suitability	All	15
Advisory Committee	3a	Urgency	Acquisition	10
			Acquisition and Planning	5
			Acquisition and Development	5
Advisory Committee	<b>3b</b>	Project Design	Development	10
			Acquisition and Development	5
Advisory Committee	3c	Planning success (architecture and engineering only)	Planning	10
			Acquisition and Planning	5
Advisory Committee	4	Cost benefit	All	10

<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Boats on Trailers</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>5</b>
Advisory Committee	<b>7</b>	Boating experience	All	6
Advisory Committee	<b>8</b>	Readiness	All	5
<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>SCORP Priorities</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>5</b>
RCO Staff	<b>10</b>	Matching shares including non-government contributions	All	4 Local 1 State
RCO Staff	<b>11</b>	Proximity to people	All	1
RCO Staff	<b>12</b>	Growth Management Act (local agencies) preference	All	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>Local=81 State=78</b>

Additions to the Detailed Scoring Criteria:

*Advisory Committee Scored*

**3b. Project design (development or acquisition and development projects only). Is the proposal appropriately designed for the intended use?**

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board policy rewards design standards and construction techniques intended to maximize service life, minimize routine maintenance, and avoid environmental impacts.

For example, if users of a proposed boat ramp can be expected to be power loading, solid concrete ramp construction may be more appropriate than concrete plank construction. In harsh marine conditions, steel piling or concrete could be expected to have a longer service life than timber piling.

Evaluators should consider design and construction elements such as:

- Accurate cost estimates
- Aesthetics
- Future maintenance needs\*
- Innovative and creative elements\*
- Materials and specifications\*
- Risk management
- Space relationships\*
- User friendly elements

\*Barrier-free considerations

▲ Point Range: 0-5 points. Staff later multiplies development only projects by 2. No multiplier for Combination Acquisitions and Development projects.

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**5. Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. Will the project result in a quality, sustainable, recreational opportunity (or planned opportunity) while protecting the integrity of the environment?**

▲ Point Range: 0 – 5

Factors to consider by project type are outlined below.

Acquisition, Planning, and Combination Acquisition and Planning	Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In evaluating alternative sites, did you reject them to avoid impacts to valuable ecosystem functions or habitat loss?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the proposed development protect natural resources onsite and integrate sustainable elements such as low impact development techniques, green infrastructure, or environmentally preferred building products?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will the proposed uses avoid environmental impacts and support the ecosystem functions of the property or adjacent water body?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation and Surfaces – Are you replacing invasive plant species with native vegetation? Are you using pervious surfaces for any of the proposed facilities?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there invasive species on site? If there are, what is the response plan? Will the planned development of the property limit the presence and spread of invasive species?</li> </ul>	

## Acquisition, Planning, and Combination Acquisition and Planning

- What is the strategy or plan for maintenance and stewardship of the site? How will your planned operation and maintenance of the site protect water and air quality? What low impact actions will you take to achieve the longest useful life of the facility?
- How do the natural characteristics of the site support future planned uses? What natural elements of the site do you plan to retain?
- For the planned use of the site, do you expect to go beyond the expected permitting and mitigation requirements?
- Materials – What sustainable materials are planned for inclusion in the project? What low impact actions will you take to achieve the longest useful life of these materials while at the same time making the most your maintenance funds?
- Will the planned project protect wetlands or wetland functions? Describe the size, quality, and classification.
- Is there an opportunity for public environmental education?
- Compare your site and your expected development to other sites or developed sites on the subject water body. How is your planned development more sustainable and environmentally responsible than others?
- What other noteworthy characteristics of the planned project contribute to environmental protection, energy efficiency, less maintenance, fewer environmental impacts, or sustainability?

## Development

- Education – Are you installing interpretive panels or signs that educate users about sustainability?
- Materials – What sustainable materials are included in the project? What low impact actions will you take to achieve the longest useful life of these materials while at the same time making the most your maintenance funds?
- Energy – What energy efficient features are you adding?
- What modes of transportation provide access to the site?
- Water – Is the on-site storm water managed by rain gardens, porous paving, or other sustainable features? Does the design exceed permit requirements for storm water management?
- If there are wetlands on site, describe the size, quality, and classification and explain how the design considers the wetland functions.
- What is the strategy or plan for long-term maintenance and stewardship of the site?
- What other developed features will contribute to increasing energy efficiencies, reducing maintenance, minimizing environmental impacts, or being more sustainable?

**6. Boats on Trailers. Does the proposed project predominantly serve boats on trailers?**

▲ Point Range: 0-5

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**9. SCORP Priorities. How will this project address statewide or regional priorities as described in the Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan?**

1. How will this project specifically provide a diversity of recreation opportunities that meet the needs of the state's underserved populations which are:
  - People with disabilities
  - People of color
  - Residents over 46 years old
  - Women
2. How will this project help increase physical activities among people of all ages and abilities or low income and diverse communities?
3. Will this project support federal, state, regional or local health initiatives such as:
  - National Physical Activity Plan
  - Healthy Communities Washington from the Washington Department of Health
  - Local Community Health Assessment or Local Community Health Improvement Plan
  - Health Impact Assessments from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Pew Charitable Trust

▲ Evaluators score 0-5 points.

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