

# Appendix G: Guide for Lead Entity Project Evaluation

## Benefit and Certainty Criteria

The SRFB developed the following criteria several years ago for evaluating benefit to fish and certainty of project success. With the evolution of lead entity strategies and recovery plans, the SRFB shifted to a technical evaluation of site-specific projects using the Project of Concern criteria. Use the benefit and certainty criteria listed below only for lead entity guidance in their evaluation of projects through their local processes.

Benefit Criteria			
Identified and Prioritized in the Strategy	High BENEFIT Project	Medium BENEFIT Project	Low BENEFIT Project
Watershed Processes and Habitat Features	<p>Addresses high priority habitat features and/or watershed process that significantly protect or limit the salmonid productivity in the area.</p> <p><b>Acquisition:</b> More than 60 percent of the total project area is intact habitat, or if less than 60 percent, project must be a combination that includes restoration.</p> <p><b>Assessment:</b> Crucial to understanding watershed</p>	<p>May not address the most important limiting factor but will improve habitat conditions.</p> <p><b>Acquisition:</b> 40-60 percent of the total project area is intact habitat, or if less than 40-60 percent, project must be a combination that includes restoration.</p> <p><b>Assessments:</b> Will lead to new projects in moderate priority areas</p>	<p>Does not address an important habitat condition in the area.</p>

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	processes, is directly relevant to project development or sequencing, and clearly will lead to new projects in high priority areas.	and is independent of addressing other key conditions first.	
Areas and Actions	Is a high priority action in a high priority geographic area.  <b>Assessment:</b> Fills an important data gap in a high priority area.	May be an important action but in a moderate priority geographic area.  <b>Assessment:</b> Fills an important data gap, but is in a moderate priority area.	Addresses a lower priority action or geographic area.
Scientific	Is identified through a documented habitat assessment.	Is identified through a documented habitat assessment or scientific opinion.	Is unclear or lacks scientific information about the problem being addressed.
Species	Addresses multiple species or unique populations of salmonids essential for recovery or Endangered Species Act-listed fish species or non-listed populations primarily supported by natural spawning. Documented fish use.	Addresses a moderate number of species or unique populations of salmonids essential for recovery or Endangered Species Act-listed fish species or non-listed populations primarily supported by natural spawning. Documented fish use.	Addresses a single species of a low priority. Documented fish use.
Life History	Addresses an important life history stage or habitat type that limits the productivity of the salmonid species in the area or project addresses multiple life history requirements.	Addresses fewer life history stages or habitat types that limit the productivity of the salmonid species in the area or partially addresses fewer life history requirements.	Is unclear about the salmonid life history being addressed.

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Costs	Has a low cost relative to the predicted benefits for the project type in that location.	Has a reasonable cost relative to the predicted benefits for the project type in that location.	Has a high cost relative to the predicted benefits for that particular project type in that location.

<b>Certainty Criteria</b>			
<b>Identified and Prioritized in the Strategy</b>	<b>High CERTAINTY Project</b>	<b>Medium CERTAINTY Project</b>	<b>Low CERTAINTY Project</b>
Appropriate	Scope is appropriate to meet its goals and objectives.	Is moderately appropriate to meet its goals and objectives.	The methodology does not appear to meet the goals and objectives of the project.
Approach	Is consistent with proven scientific methods.  <b>Assessment:</b> Methodology will address effectively an information or data gap or lead to effective implementation of prioritized projects within 1-2 years of completion.	Uses untested or incomplete scientific methods.  <b>Assessment:</b> Methods will effectively address a data gap or lead to effective implementation of prioritized projects within 3-5 years of completion.	Uses untested or ineffective methods.
Sequence	Is in the correct sequence and is independent of other actions being taken first.	Is dependent on other actions being taken first that are outside the scope of this project.	May be in the wrong sequence with other protection and restoration actions.
Threat	Addresses a high potential threat to salmonid habitat.	Addresses a moderate potential threat to salmonid habitat.	Addresses a low potential threat to salmonid habitat.

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Stewardship	Clearly describes and funds stewardship of the area or facility for more than 10 years.	Clearly describes but does not fund stewardship of the area or facility for more than 10 years.	Does not describe or fund stewardship of the area or facility.
Landowner	Landowners are willing to have work done.	Landowners potentially contacted and likely will allow work.	Landowner willingness is unknown.
Implementation	Actions are scheduled, funded, and ready to take place and have few or no known constraints to successful implementation including projects that may result from this project.	Have few or no known constraints to successful implementation as well as other projects that may result from this project.	Actions are unscheduled, unfunded, and not ready to take place, and have several constraints to successful implementation.