

Bear River Environmental Coordination Committee Approval and Ranking Criteria

Revised – April 2021

Project Name:

Project Proponent:

ECC Sponsor:

Amount Requested:

Date of Proposal:

Checklist

- _____ Project is consistent with Bonneville cutthroat trout (BCT) plans and/or other fishery management plans/land management plans/other species management plans.
 - _____ Project is within the action area.
 - _____ Project is in conformance with the ECC’s Streambank Stabilization Policy.
 - _____ Project proponent is willing to sign exclusion agreement (if applicable).
 - _____ Project proponent is willing to sign right-of-entry agreement (if applicable).
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Note: Planning projects are ranked as though in place.

185 Possible Points (Habitat Enhancement Projects)

205 Possible Points (Land and Water Projects)

1) Fish species expected to benefit from proposed project (20 points):

BCT and other native species	20 points
BCT only	15 points
Other native species	10 points
No native species	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

2) Project is located on a tributary vs the mainstem Bear River (10 points):

Tributary	10 points
Mainstem	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

3) *Project (on own merits) is expected to protect or increase distribution and numbers of target native fish species (20 points)*

Greatly on a watershed scale (5 th field HUC)	20 points
Moderately in >2.0 miles of stream or >25% of watershed	15 points
Somewhat in 0.5-2.0 miles of stream or 10-25% of watershed	10 points
Limited in <0.5 miles of stream or <10% of watershed	5 points
Project is not expected to increase distribution/numbers	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

4) *Project is expected to protect or increase distribution and numbers of BCT in priority (per BCT Restoration Plan and/or Idaho Recovery Plan) stream reaches (15 points)*

Greatly in a high-priority reach	15 points
Greatly in a medium-priority reach	10 points
Greatly in a low-priority reach or moderately in a high/ medium-priority reach	5 points
Moderately in a low-priority reach	2 points
Project is not expected to substantively increase distribution/ numbers	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

5) *Project will benefit target fish species by protecting, restoring, or enhancing (mark all that apply) (20 points)*

Stream channel	2 points
Stream banks	2 points
Spawning (2 pts.) and/or rearing (2 pts) habitat	4 points
Fish passage, connectivity	5 points
Bank and channel cover	2 points
Water quality - decrease temperature (2 pts), decrease fine sediment (2 pts), decrease nutrient input (1 pt)	5 points
TOTAL: _____	

6) *Non-fish aquatic/terrestrial species expected to benefit from proposed project (10 points):*

Benefit to non-fish native aquatic and/or terrestrial special designation species	10 points
Other non-fish native aquatic species	5 points
Little value to non-fish native aquatic/terrestrial species	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

7) *Fish and wildlife aquatic and/or riparian habitat expected to benefit from proposed project (15 points)*

Project will protect/restore high quality critical/essential habitat for at risk species or limited habitat important on a landscape scale (i.e., spring systems)	15 points
Project will protect/restore high quality habitat limited in the local area	10 points
Project will protect/restore common habitat in the local area	5 points
Project will do little to protect/restore habitat	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

8) *Effectiveness of the project (15 points)*
(ECC sponsor, state the problem this project would address. What are the project's merits at site?)

Project solves original problem	15 points
Project partially solves original problem, other problems are likely to be corrected	10 points
Project partially solves original problem, other problems are not likely to be corrected	5 points
Project does not deal with the cause of problem	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

9) *Time frame for expected benefits (15 points)*

Project benefits will last >25 years	15 points
Project benefits expected to last 5-25 years	10 points
Project benefits expected to last <5 years	5 points
Project benefits are minimal	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

10) *Expected ecological benefits relative to ECC cost (10 points)*

Project benefits high relative to cost	10 points
Project benefits about equal to cost	5 points
Project cost exceeds benefits	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

11) *Cost sharing or in-kind services (percent of project funded from other sources) (20 points)*

Financial and/or in-kind support exceeds 75% of project costs	20 points
Financial and/or in-kind support exceeds 50% of project costs	15 points
Financial and/or in-kind support exceeds 25% of project costs	10 points
Financial and/or in-kind support is less than 25% of project costs	5 points
No financial and/or in-kind support	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

12) *Project compliments existing or proposed projects (15 points)*

Project complements two or more existing or proposed projects and/or significant resource problems	15 points
Project complements one other existing or proposed project and/or significant resource problem	10 points
No complimentary projects	0 points
TOTAL: _____	

13) *Appropriateness of project goals to maintain or improve overall waterway form and function. (20 points)*

Project implementation will maintain, improve, or have no effect on geomorphic form and function over at least 20 years (with either a positive or no impact on adjacent reaches due to project implementation)	0 points
Project implementation will result in localized stability that may negatively impact adjacent reaches.	- 20 points
TOTAL: _____	

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For Land and Water Projects Only:

14) Development Threat (Likelihood that the property in question will be developed, based on physical aspects of the property as well as location) (20 points)

Imminent (90% likelihood of development within 5 years)	20 points
Likely (90% likelihood of development within 10 years)	15 points
Possible (90% likelihood of development within 20 years)	10 points
Unlikely (likely to remain undeveloped for the life of the 30 year license)	5 points
Not applicable—property cannot be developed	0 points
	TOTAL: _____

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