

# 2022/2023 Aquatic Fund Evaluation Questions

## Lewis River Aquatic Fund - Project Evaluation Questions 2022/2023

<b>Priority Objectives</b> (Go No-Go)	<b>1</b>	<b>Benefit fish recovery throughout the North Fork Lewis River, with priority to federal ESA-listed species?</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>Support the reintroduction of anadromous fish throughout the Basin?</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>Enhance fish habitat in the Lewis River Basin, with priority given to the North Fork Lewis River?</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>Is the proposal consistent with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and plans to the extent feasible?</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>Are any funds requested that would otherwise be required by law to perform?</b>
<b>Benefits to Fish</b> Weight = 35%	Q1	Does the project provide direct benefit(s) to priority species and habitat reaches?
	Q2	Does the project lead to or provide tangible, on the ground benefits?
	Q3	Does the project address a limiting factor(s) to the target species without adversely impacting other species, life history stages, or habitat processes?
<b>Scientific Validity</b> Weight = 30%	Q4	Does the proposal apply reasonable and proven methods, designs or technologies?
	Q5	Are the project objectives reasonable based on the proposed scope and schedule?
	Q6	Does the project describe and consider long term benefits and influences (e.g., watershed processes, hydro operations, climate change, etc.)?
<b>Feasibility</b> Weight = 20%	Q7	Does the proposal resolve identified or anticipated constraints or contingencies (e.g., permitting, funding, legal, etc.)?
	Q8	Does the project have a high probability of success? ( <i>in meeting project objectives?</i> )
	Q9	Do the qualifications and experience of the team support successful completion of the project?
	Q10	Are there other habitat protection or restoration actions in the watershed that would benefit or compliment this project?
<b>Cost Effectiveness</b> Weight = 15%	Q11	Does the project include additional funding sources (e.g., grants, matching contributions, in-kind participation, etc.)?
	Q12	Is the project budget reasonable based on the proposed scope of proposal?
	Q13	Is the project budget reasonable based on the anticipated short and long-term benefits to fish?
	Q14	Is the anticipated level of post-project maintenance reasonable given the size and scope of the proposal?