

Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Project Score Sheet 2009 Federal Funding Cycle

Project Name: _____

State: _____ **Region** _____ **Project Officer:** _____

Reviewer: _____

Total Project Score: _____

I. CONSERVATION OF SUSTAINABLE POPULATIONS	Total Section Points = 90	Reviewer Score
<p>A. Does the project currently protect habitat by conservation easement, fee title, or outright public ownership?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In perpetuity = 15 Term agreement = 10 None = 0</p> <p>If not, will the project protect habitat by conservation easement or in fee title?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In perpetuity = 15 Term agreement = 10 None = 0</p>	Maximum = 15	/15
<p>B. Does the project contribute to EBTJV range-wide, regional, or state-level habitat strategies described in the eastern brook trout conservation strategy “Conserving the Eastern Brook Trout: Action Strategies”?</p> <p>1. Project supports specific regional or range-wide habitat objectives outlined in the EBTJV conservation strategy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 Objectives supported = 0 1 Objective supported = 5 2 Objectives supported = 10 3 Objectives supported = 15 ≥4 Objectives supported = 20</p> <p>2. Project supports specific state-level habitat objectives outlined in the EBTJV conservation strategy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0 Objectives supported = 0 1 Objective supported = 5 2 Objectives supported = 10 3 Objectives supported = 15 ≥4 Objectives supported = 20</p>	Maximum = 40	/40

<p>C. What is the EBTJV sub-watershed priority score for this project? Priority score 0.0–0.20 = 1 Priority score 0.21–0.65 = 2 Priority score ≥ 0.66 = 5 (Consult priority scores for project selection map www.easternbrooktrout.net)</p>	<p>Maximum = 5</p>	<p>/5</p>
<p>D. Does the project support habitat conservation goals of State Wildlife Action Plans? If so, list State Wildlife Action Plan species or habitats supported by project. Maximum = 5 points</p>	<p>Maximum = 5</p>	<p>/5</p>
<p>E. Does the project contribute to conservation of federally or state listed, economically important, or genetically distinct populations?</p> <p>1. Federally listed endangered, threatened, or special concern species? If yes, please list species. None = 0 1 = 5 ≥ 2 = 10</p> <p>2. State listed endangered, threatened, or special concern species not also federally listed? If yes, please list species. None = 0 1 = 2 ≥ 2 = 5</p> <p>3. Economically important species not also federally or state listed? If yes, please list species. None = 0 1 = 2 ≥ 2 = 5</p> <p>4. Genetically distinct populations or species? If yes, please list species or populations. None = 0 1 = 2 ≥ 2 = 5</p>	<p>Maximum = 25</p>	<p>/25</p>

II. PROJECT PLANNING AND SUCCESS	Total Section Points = 105	Reviewer Score
<p>A. Does the project demonstrate watershed scale planning?</p> <p>1. Will the project provide connectivity to currently listed healthy sub-watersheds? No = 0 Yes = 5</p> <p>2. Will the project provide expansion of existing habitats? No = 0 Yes = 5-10</p> <p>3. Will the project restore tributary stream or mainstem habitats? Tributaries = 1-5 Mainstem = 6-10 Ponds/lakes = NA</p> <p>Note: Not applicable for pond/lake proposed projects. Total overall project score will be computed on applicable criteria.</p> <p>4. What percentage of the watershed above the proposed project is protected in perpetuity? <10% = 0 10-49% = 5 50-74% = 7 75-100% = 10</p>	Maximum = 35	/35

<p>B. What is the probability of long- term success of the project? (Activities/actions listed below are examples used only to identify limits for each category. The project selection committee will determine long-term success based on information provided in the application)</p> <p>1. What is the conservation need of the project?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">High = 8–10 Medium High = 6–7 Medium = 4–5 Medium Low = 1–3 Low = 0</p> <p>High: Needed conservation action will provide permanent land protection, barrier removal (if actions will not introduce exotics), or other significant benefit.</p> <p>Medium High: Needed conservation action is riparian restoration with land protection and action is in headwaters.</p> <p>Medium: Needed conservation action is riparian restoration with/without land protection or in-stream restoration with land protection or in-stream and associated riparian restoration without land protection.</p> <p>Medium low: Needed conservation action is in-stream restoration w/no land protection.</p> <p>Low: In-stream restoration that does not address riparian or watershed issues or exotic species issues.</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	<p>/10</p>
<p>C. Does the project address the root cause of watershed degradation?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Addresses no causes = 0 Addresses some causes = 3–5 Addresses majority of causes = 10</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	<p>/10</p>
<p>D. Is project evaluation included in the proposal?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No monitoring/evaluation included = 0 Monitoring /evaluation requested from grant funds = 5–10 Monitoring/evaluation contributed by EBTJV partners = 15</p>	<p>Maximum = 15</p>	<p>/15</p>
<p>E. To What degree does the project strengthen brook trout population status? This would include restoration of natural reproduction, range expansion, or an increase in abundance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No improvement likely = 0 Some improvement in population status likely = 1–5 Substantial improvement in population status likely 6–10</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	<p>/10</p>
<p>F. Presence of competitive non-native or invasive fish species.</p> <p>1. Are there competitive non-native or invasive fish species within the watershed with access (no barrier) to the proposed project?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes = 0–5 No = 6–10</p>	<p>Maximum = 10</p>	<p>/10</p>

<p>G. Stocking</p> <p>1. Are trout or other exotic aquatic species currently stocked within the proposed project watershed?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No stocking within proposed project watershed or adjacent watersheds = 15 No stocking within proposed project watershed, but in adjacent watershed = 5 Stocking within proposed project watershed, but barrier present = 2 Stocking within the proposed project reach = 0</p> <p>Note: If stocking proposed within proposed project reach, provide justification.</p>	<p>Maximum = 15</p>	<p>/15</p>
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III. MANAGEMENT ASSETS	Total Section Points = 60	Reviewers Score
<p>A. Public fishing access</p> <p>1. Is public fishing access currently allowed at the proposed site? No public access = 0 Limited public access = 5-10 Unrestricted public access = 15</p> <p>2. If not, will public fishing access be allowed at the proposed site when the project is completed? No public access = 0 Limited public access = 5-10 Unrestricted public access = 15</p>	Maximum =15	/15
<p>B. What is the recreational quality of the potential fishery? (Identified by state fishery management agency)</p> <p>No recreational potential = 0 Low recreational potential = 1-5 Moderate recreational potential = 6-9 High recreational potential =10-15</p>	Maximum = 15	/15
<p>C. Does the project contribute to the education goals of the EBTJV or have value as a demonstration project?</p> <p>No contribution = 0 Low contribution = 1 Medium contribution = 2- 3 High contribution = 4-5</p>	Maximum = 5	/5
<p>D. Stocking</p> <p>1. Is there stocking at the proposed site? Stocking in HUC = 0 Stocking within HUC, but below a barrier HUCs = 5 No stocking within HUC, but stocking in 1 or more adjacent HUCs = 5 No stocking within HUC or adjacent HUCs = 15</p> <p>Note: If stocking within project reach, provide justification.</p>	Maximum = 15	/15
<p>E. Does the project include a long-term maintenance component?</p> <p>No = 0 Yes = 1-10</p> <p>Note: If yes, describe maintenance component.</p>	Maximum = 10	/10

IV. PARTNERSHIPS AND PROJECT LEVERAGING	Total Section Points = 35	Reviewers Score
<p>A. What is the ratio of partner contributions to NFHAP funding request?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><1:1 = 0 >1.1-2:1 = 3-5 >2.1-3:1 = 6-15 >4:1 = 16-20</p> <p>Note: If proposed partner contributions are in-kind, they should meet federal cost-share matching guidelines.</p>	Maximum = 20	/20
<p>B. How many project partners are contributing more than the grant request?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 partner = 1 2 partners = 2 3 partners = 3 >3 partners = 5</p>	Maximum = 5	/5
<p>C. Number of partner categories (state/federal government, NGO, university, watershed group, etc.) involved in proposed project?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 partner category = 0 2-4 partner categories = 3 >4 partner categories = 5</p>	Maximum = 5	/5
<p>D. Is the project lead by a local watershed group or other grass-roots organization?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No = 0 Yes = 5</p>	Maximum = 5	/5