



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
Fiscal Year 2017 Screening Worksheet  
Puget Sound Team LWG Fund Codes**

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Applicant Name:	Date:
Evaluator Name:	Application Number: 74054617_____
Fund Pool: FY17 PST	Sign-Up Number:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranking based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application cutoff periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application cutoff period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant. Rank only the High screened applications.</p>	
If Yes, <b>Low Priority</b> status in ProTracts.  If No, continue to priority-based screening factors.	In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a NRCS contract terminated or cancelled – and/or,</li> <li>• Applicant has a current contract not on schedule – and/or,</li> <li>• Applicant has received NRCS-CPA-153 on an active contract that is still out of compliance– and/or</li> <li>• Applicant does not have a prioritized LWG resource concern.</li> </ul>
If Yes, <b>Medium Priority</b> status in ProTracts.  If No, continue to the next question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application has a prioritized resource concern but does not meet the criteria required to be determined a High priority application.</li> </ul>
If Yes, <b>High Priority</b> status in ProTracts.	Application treats one of the following priority resource concerns and to the level described (circle the one the Schedule of Operations addresses):



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Productivity and Health:</b> Implementing 666 which is documented as needed in a Forest Management Plan and at least 350 stems per acre be removed on 75% of the proposed treatment area and/or have crown ratios of 35% or less on 75% of the field OR Implementing 612 which is documented as needed in a Forest Management Plan on 75% of the proposed treatment area?</li>   <li>• <b>Water Quality Degradation, Excess Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications or Excess Nutrients in Surface and Groundwater:</b> If applicant has livestock and meets the definition of an AFO/CAFO, is he or she applying to implement components of an approved CNMP or is an applicant who does not meet the definition of an AFO/CAFO but is installing practices that address a water quality resource concern or is the applicant importing/storing animal/plant waste and has no livestock but is applying to implement practices that address this water quality resource concern OR will practices be implemented to fence livestock out of a stream?</li>   <li>• <b>Insufficient Water, Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water:</b> Is the proposed land unit's irrigation system currently operating below 80% efficiency or will the planned practices include PS558 for water catchment?</li>   <li>• <b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Habitat, Habitat Degradation:</b> Will the planned practices have a direct impact to either ESA T&amp;E species and their habitat and/or pollinators and their habitat and not require a biological assessment?</li> </ul>	
<b>Application Screening Priority:</b>		
District Conservationist Approval Signature:		
Date Approved:		