

Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund – FFY 2008

Scoring Criteria for Project Proposals

The following scoring criteria will be used to evaluate responses to the Calls for Proposals for Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF) Goals 1-3 (Habitat, Stock Assessment, and Salmon Management) for the Southeast Alaska region.

1. Strategic Importance – maximum 30 points

- (a) Project's anticipated benefits will contribute to the AKSSF mission of sustaining and/or restoring salmon and salmon habitat.
- (b) Project will effectively address one or more high priority information needs / actions identified in the Call for Proposal. Ways to demonstrate this might include:
 - Project is identified as a high priority in an adopted plan or study, relevant to achieving the goals and objectives of the AKSSF, if such a plan or study exists.
 - Project is a subsequent phase of a previously-funded AKSSF or PCSRF project.
 - Project is supported or endorsed by organizations with expertise or authority in the area (support may include contribution of financial or in-kind match).
 - Other indicator(s) that the project would effectively address the information need/action.

2. Technical Merit – maximum 30 points

- (a) Methodology is feasible and appropriate to achieve the stated objectives (asks the right questions, good project design, reasonable schedule, uses accepted standards for data collection, analysis and reporting).
- (b) Project plan clearly and specifically outlines the goals, measurable objectives and work to be done, and a process for project evaluation.

3. Experience and Qualifications – maximum 10 points

- (a) Project applicant and any partners have the capacity to successfully complete the project, including necessary technical and administrative expertise.
- (b) Project proponent has the ability to sustain or manage the project beyond the initial funding period (if required to achieve project objectives).
- (c) Project applicant has successful performance history in project administration, implementation and reporting.

4. Funding Considerations – maximum 20 points

- (a) Project budget is reasonable to accomplish project objectives.
- (b) Project budget leverages non-AKSSF funding or other resources (including in-kind).
- (c) Project expenditure is warranted in view of the relative benefits to be gained.

5. Partnerships and Outreach – maximum 10 points

- (a) Project uses local partnerships and/or provides for local capacity building, if appropriate, to achieving the objectives of the project and meeting the mission of the AKSSF.
- (b) Project provides effective outreach and communication regarding the project and its results, if appropriate, to achieving the objectives of the project and meeting the mission of the AKSSF.