

Item # 12

**WWRP
State Lands Categories
Streamlining Processes**

June 2007

Background

- Two new WWRP categories
 - State Lands Restoration & Enhancement (HCA)
 - State Lands Development & Renovation (ORA)
- Proposed changes suggested by applicants, evaluators, and staff based on 2006 application and evaluation process

State Lands: Current Rules

- State Lands Restoration/Enhancement
 - RCW: 79A.15.040(1)(d)
 - Manual 10b, WWRP: Habitat Conservation
- State Lands Development/Renovation
 - RCW: 79A.15.050(1)(e)
 - Manual 10a, WWRP: Outdoor Recreation

**State Lands
Issues for Consideration**

- 1. Application Requirements
 - Streamline
- 2. Evaluation Criteria
 - Clarifications
- 3. Grants Requested – SLR
 - Research with potential applicants

1. Application Requirements

- Program narrative - SLR & SLD
 - Eliminate the narrative and incorporate key information into the evaluation criteria
- Environmental benefits statement - SLR
 - Provide clarifying instructions
- Scope elements - SLR
 - Expand eligible items for upland restoration
- Standardize visual format – SLR & SLD

2. Evaluation Criteria

- Potential Changes
 - Eliminate duplicate or redundant elements
 - Incorporate elements from project narrative
 - Modify scoring range for some criteria - SLD

2. Evaluation Criteria cont.

- Ecological/Biological Characteristics - SLR
 - Clarify the intent of the criteria
- Cost Efficiencies - SLD
 - Add a criteria to address efficiencies
- Performance Measures - SLD
 - Define "outcome focused" measures

3. Grants Requested

- Funds available - SLR
 - 10% of the Habitat Conservation Account
- Applications submitted - SLR
 - 13 projects requesting \$2.4 million or 69% of available funds
 - Why so few projects and such low cost?
 - What, if any changes are needed to assist agencies with their grant proposals?

Pros & Cons

Make Changes

- Be responsive to the need for adjustments to the application and evaluation processes
- Address issues before they become problematic in implementing projects
- Results in selection of priority projects

Do Not Change

- May be premature since one cycle may not show or represent a trend
- Suggest problems that may or may not exist
- WWRP funded at unprecedented levels

State Lands: Next Steps

- June – Convene ad hoc committee
- July – Draft changes and begin review process
- August – Public review of draft changes
- September – Report to Board
- October – Final draft for public review
- November – Board action on recommendation
- January 2008 – Application Workshops
