

**WA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
TRIBAL SCREENING TOOL WORKSHEET - Fiscal Year 2017**

**This screening tool is required for all Tribal Pools.**

- **Tribal LWG pool eligibility criteria:** *Includes all Tribal trust lands, or Tribal Government/Tribal members on Fee lands. (Eligible applicants outside the reservation boundaries can apply to either or both the LWG or Tribal EQIP funding pools). All other applications in General LWG and/or HU pools.*

**Instructions:** Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, “cut-off” dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation.

The goal of this screening tool is to streamline workload and to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are efficiently allocated to address priority conservation needs related to the 2014 Farm Bill. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of an EQIP contract. This original screening worksheet must be filed in the applicant case file and the screening priority (High, Medium, or Low) shall be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet will be provided to the applicant.

Applicant Name:	Fund Code:
Application Number: 74054617 __ __ __	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date: / /

**State Resource Assessment revised 2012-15 (SRA) and Tribal Resource Assessment (TRA):** Located at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wa/technical/>

**Resource Concern(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Landuse(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Existing Contracts:** Yes\_\_ No\_\_ **Any previous contract terminations:** Yes\_\_ No\_\_

**Any uncertified practices (scheduled for 2015 or prior) on existing contracts?** Yes\_\_ No\_\_  
(Excluding delays caused by NRCS)

**(LOW)** Application is eligible, but doesn't treat one of the top 10 resource concerns in the revised applicable SRA or TRA. Or the land within the application area already meets Resource Planning Criteria.

**(LOW)** Applicant, (Tribal Department) has an active contract with an uncertified practice that is scheduled for 2015 or prior. Or have had previous contract terminations. (Excluding delays caused by NRCS)

**(MEDIUM)** Does not treat a Tribal LWG priority concern, but the application does clearly treat at least one of the top 10 priority resource concerns within a priority area in the revised applicable SRA or TRA.

**(HIGH)** Application will treat a priority Tribal Local Work Group resource concern.

* Inadequate Habit for Fish and Wildlife	* Water Quality Degradation
* Degraded Plant Condition	* Excess/Insufficient Water

The application priority equals the lowest applicable checked box. After entering this screening priority in ProTracts, you may proceed with ranking the HIGH priority applications in the AERT. If funds are still available after all of the HIGH applications are funded (State-wide), you may proceed with ranking all of the MEDIUM priority applications. LOW priority applications should not be ranked and will be deferred at the end of the FY.

DC Approval:	Date:
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