

Ranking Tool Summary for FY2008 - Riverine

National Priorities:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native wildlife habitats?	20
2	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for at-risk species which can include candidate species and State listed threatened and endangered species?	20
3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species?	20
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on wildlife habitats?	20
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats?	20
Total Points		100

State Issues:

Number	Question	Points
1	Geographical Priority Area - Site is within one of the identified Primary Priority Area stream segments. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 1-3)	20
2	Geographical Priority Area - Site is within one of the identified Secondary Priority Area stream segments. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 1-3)	10
3	Geographical Priority Area - Site is not in one of the identified priority stream segments. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 1-3)	0
4	Resource Management Plan - Stream segment is located on a property that has a RMS plan developed or reviewed by a natural resource professional that addresses all resources and has been > 90% applied for all resources. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 4-8)	10
5	Resource Management Plan - Stream segment is located on a	8

	property that has RMS plan that is being actively applied, water quality BMP's are being used and soil erosion is controlled to T on > 90% of location. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 4-8)	
6	Resource Management Plan - Site has a RMS plan and soil erosion is controlled to T level on > 90% of land unit. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 4-8)	5
7	Resource Management Plan - Site has no RMS plan but erosion is controlled to T on > 65% of land unit. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 4-8)	3
8	Resource Management Plan - None of the above from questions 4-7. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 4-8)	0
9	Topeka Shiner Habitat Project - Site is identified as known Topeka Shiner stream segment on FWS maps (see Iowa Biology Tech Note #23)(Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	20
10	Topeka Shiner Habitat Project - IDNR or FWS identifies site as having a high potential to be suitable habitat for Topeka Shiner. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	10
11	Topeka Shiner Habitat Project - Site is not one of categories from questions 9-10. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	0
12	Trout Stream or Other Non Topeka Shiner Stream Project - Site is on an IDNR identified trout stream (Class "B(CW)")(Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	20
13	Trout Stream or Other Non Topeka Shiner Stream Project - Site is listed by IDNR as a Class "HQ" or "HQR" stream. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	10
14	Trout Stream or Other Non Topeka Shiner Stream Project - Site is on a stream designated as a Class "B(WW)">(Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	5
15	Trout Stream or Other Non Topeka Shiner Stream Project - Site is not one of above categories from questions 12-14. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 9-15)	0
16	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - Site is stream segment identified by IDNR or FWS as having a backwater or oxbow that can be reconnected to stream to provide suitable habitat for Topeka Shiner. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	20
17	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - Site is a trout stream that IDNR concurs the installation of bank stabilization or in-stream habitat measures would directly benefit the trout fishery. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	15
18	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - Site is on a stream that has a Class "HQ" "HQR" designation on which the IDNR concurs the installation of bank stabilization or other in-	12

	stream habitat measures would directly benefit targeted fishery. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	
19	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - Site is not on a stream that has a Class "HQ" "HQR" designation, but IDNR concurs that installation of bank or in-stream habitat measures would enhance either an important sport or other fishery. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	10
20	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - Site is either a known Topeka Shiner stream segment, an IDNR designated trout stream, or stream designated as "HQ" or "HQR" that IDNR concurs the installation of riparian practices will directly benefit habitat quality for the target aquatic species (see list of practices). (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	7
21	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - Site is a not on a Class "HQ" or "HQR" stream, but IDNR concurs that installation of riparian practices will directly benefit habitat quality for either an important sport or other fishery target aquatic species (see list of practices). (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	4
22	Potential for Resource Improvement or Protection - None of the above categories from questions 16-21 applies. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 16-22)	0
23	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - Application is to treat all of the critical in-stream segment areas on applicant's property that would benefit the targeted fishery. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	15
24	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - Application is to treat one or more entire critical in-stream segment areas on the applicant property that would benefit the targeted fishery but not all segments. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	12
25	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - Application is part of comprehensive plan that treats in-stream resource on more than one property. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	10
26	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - Application is to treat only a portion of one or more critical in-stream segment areas on the applicant property but not the entire critical area. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	7
27	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - Site treats riparian zone where in-stream resources are already protected or in-stream practices are installed. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	5
28	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - Practice treats riparian zone on only one side of stream segment.	3

	(Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	
29	Size/Length of Stream Segment and Continuity of Protection - None of the above from questions 23-28 applies for this application. (Answer Yes to 1 of questions 23-29)	0
30	Whip project will be applied to privately owned land that is under a conservation easement on ground that stays in private ownership, farmland protection easements, etc. Land ownership by conservation organizations or governmental agencies does not qualify.	5
31	Application is for a group project where two or more adjacent landowners are applying practices to the same habitat resource.	5
32	WHIP application site is adjacent to (contiguous with) a site under the ownership of a public or non governmental organization or the adjacent site is protected by a conservation easement.	5
33	The WHIP cost share agreement will contribute to applying the planned resource management system for the property.	5
	Total Points	261