

WAC 173-566-150 Funding priorities. In addition to the evaluation of project quality described in WAC 173-566-140, ecology will give added priority to projects under each of the following three independent criteria:

- (1) Geographic location. Projects located in:
 - (a) A planning WRIA identified in RCW 90.94.020 or 90.94.030; or
 - (b) A metering pilot project area as designated in RCW 90.94.040.
- (2) Projects, consistent with the priority and sequencing within the watershed plan or rule-making documentation, identified:
 - (a) In a watershed plan adopted under RCW 90.94.020 or 90.94.030; or
 - (b) Through a rule-making process to meet the requirements of RCW 90.94.020 or 90.94.030.
- (3) Projects that improve streamflows or enhance instream resources and watershed functions which benefit:
 - (a) Threatened and endangered salmonids (higher preference); or
 - (b) Other native fish and aquatic species of concern.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 90.54.040, 43.21A.080, and chapter 90.94 RCW. WSR 19-14-033 (Order 18-05), § 173-566-150, filed 6/25/19, effective 7/26/19.]