

## LIO Qualitative Strategy Ranking Criteria

The following criteria will be used by LIOs to qualitatively evaluate and rank the relative contribution (i.e., High, Medium, or Low as per definition) of each draft strategy to regional recovery of the Puget Sound basin, but from a local geographic and community perspective. When evaluating and ranking these draft strategies, LIO recovery plans will be used to inform those perspectives.

Criteria agreed to by LIO Coordinators on 2021MAY17:

- 1) How well do you think this draft Strategy may address one or more of the Pressure Sources on the Puget Sound ecosystem that are imminent, severe, extensive, or potentially irreversible within your LIOs geography?
- 2) How well do you think this draft Strategy may achieve desired Outcomes to help improve Puget Sound's ecosystem within your LIOs geography?

<b>1. How well do you think this draft Strategy may address one or more of the Pressure Sources on the Puget Sound ecosystem that is imminent, severe, extensive, or potentially irreversible within your LIOs geography?</b>	
High	Pressure Sources addressed by this strategy are present in the LIO geography and (1) potentially irreversible or (2) are both severe and extensive (or all three)
Medium	Pressure Sources addressed by this strategy are (1) imminent in the LIO geography or (2) present and severe or extensive.
Low	Pressure Sources are absent in the LIO geography and not imminent or present but do not meet any of the other descriptors.

<b>2. How well do you think this draft Strategy may achieve desired Outcomes to help improve Puget Sound's ecosystem within your LIOs geography?</b>	
High	Strategy is actively being used in the LIO and is demonstrably effective or anticipated based on experience and/or preliminary results to be effective
Medium	Strategy is not being used in the LIO but may be used in the future and the LIO is supportive of the strategy as important and likely effective in other parts of the Puget Sound region
Low	Strategy is not being used in the LIO and likely not applicable in the LIO geography and likely not effective

Term Definitions:

- Pressure source - A pressure source is a human activity that may affect the physical, structural, and ecological processes and functions in the Puget Sound ecosystem. Sources give rise to stressors. While contributing to ecosystem degradation, sources may also be beneficial to humans.
- [Desired outcome](#) – A desired outcome describes results we want to see, focused on reducing adverse effects on the ecosystem (example: toxic pollution in stormwater runoff) and managing the human activities that create them (example: impervious surfaces from development)
- [Strategy](#) – A strategy describes an effective approach for advancing progress toward desired outcomes, Vital Signs, and overall recovery. Each strategy is expected to advance one or more desired outcome by addressing the underlying conditions that give rise to sources of stress on the ecosystem or enhance capacity to address a stressor. Strategies address a 5-50 year time horizon

and describe the kinds of policies, actions, or approaches that could be applied by many groups in many different areas.

Translating LIO criteria ranks to the PSP worksheet

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| Low, High =Medium    | Medium, High = High     | High, High = High                       |
| Low, Medium = Medium | Medium, Medium = Medium | High, Medium = High<br>(corrected 5/18) |
| Low, Low = Low       | Medium, Low = Low       | High, Low = Low                         |