

Criteria for Evaluating Potential Actions

SRKW Task Force

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The criteria will be refined and approved by the Task Force at the June 14 meeting. Working Groups will then be asked to apply these criteria (high/med/low, with an explanation) in their discussion of potential actions and when delivering updated actions for consideration by the Task Force.

Proposed Criteria

- Effectiveness
 - Magnitude of response/benefit to orca
 - Time for response to occur
- Affordability ("Cost" positively framed so that "high" is good on all criteria)
 - Estimated cost/affordability [High affordability (cost is \$0-\$100,000); medium affordability (cost is \$100,000-\$1,000,000), low affordability (cost is \$1,000,000+)]
 - Efficiency rating (outcomes or outputs per cost)
- Ease of implementation
 - Regulatory feasibility (laws, regulations and treaties—including local, state, federal, international, tribal, etc.)
 - Degree of alignment with current federal and state law (versus requiring changes to laws)
 - Political/social feasibility
 - Technical feasibility
- Working Group's understanding of scientific certainty
 - Universal, mixed, or limited/needs research

Additional information

Working Groups will provide additional information about each potential action. These are not formal criteria. This information is intended to give the Task Force additional context and detail that may be useful to inform decision-making. Additional information may include:

- Recommendations about where and when to implement each action
- Social/cultural, economic, and environmental costs and benefits of the actions, and potential ways to ameliorate any negative impacts
- Comments on current funding sources and estimated gaps; also potential funding sources
- Recommendations about sequencing of actions
- Information on integration (tradeoffs and complementarities across the actions under the three threat areas)
- Who has the authority to implement each action
- Links to existing programs, communities, groups, or mechanisms