Prioritization Criteria for receiving areas/mitigation areas Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the policy basis/goal for prioritization and where should the local government have it memorialized? Comprehensive land use plan?
- 2. Are the categories listed in the draft elements the right criteria for prioritization?
- 3. Do we want local governments to start with watershed characterization data from Ecology, and then bring in local data for refinement of the prioritization?
- 4. Are there other watershed frameworks that have been developed by local governments that can be used as an alternative to Ecology's watershed characterization? Note that some local governments within Puget Sound have done this type of watershed work for themselves, and local governments outside Puget Sound do not have access to watershed characterization data.
- 5. What are the minimum data sets that a local government will need?
- 6. How does restoration potential fit into the criteria, and how is restoration potential determined?
- 7. How does environmental justice/social equity fit into the prioritization process?
- 8. How do multiple community benefits, including economic development, fit into the prioritization process?