Integrated Assessment Pre-proposal Review Guide

For 5 of the 6 elements below, please evaluate each pre-proposal and assign a numeric value. Do not be concerned that your 3, 4 or 5 is the same as anyone else whose input we’ve solicited, as long as you are consistent among the three pre-proposals the results will be valid. Please submit your evaluations using the form on the evaluation web-site and fill out one form for each of the three pre-proposals.

1 Poor: From the text and discussions with the team (if applicable), the team does not appear to understand this element of the proposal at all.

2 Marginal: From the text and discussions with the team (if applicable), the team understands this element of the proposal but not how it’s applicable to this IA question.

3 Average: From the text and discussions with the team (if applicable), the team both understands this element of the proposal and generally how it is applicable to this IA question.

4 Above Average: From the text and discussions with the team (if applicable), the team not only understands this element of the proposal but how it fits with other aspects of the proposal and its application to this IA question.

5 Exceptional: From the text and discussions with the team (if applicable), the team has a clear and detailed working knowledge of integrated assessments, their value in general to resource management and specifically to this particular AI question. The team goes a step further in providing some insights in the pre-proposal that indicate they’ve given some thought to the implications of the IA.

1. Understanding of context and underlying issues: Consider questions such as, does the pre-proposal identify underlying issues, are they the correct ones, does the pre-proposal provide the right context for the underlying issues?

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2. Project approach: Consider questions such as, does the pre-proposal address all the elements of an Integrated Assessment? If it does not, are exceptions/gaps acknowledged and explained? Is the explanation credible?

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3. Preliminary identification of relevant data sources: Consider questions such as, does the pre-proposal identify data sets and/or sources that go beyond those available to an Internet search? In other words, does the pre-proposal reflect an effort to go beyond and contact others working in this area/issue?

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4. How data will be accessed: Consider questions such as, does the pre-proposal identify team members or collaborators who bring data or access to data to the team? Does the pre-proposal identify how data will be accessed otherwise?

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5. Competency of the proposing team: Consider questions such as, does the team have members identified who can carry out each element of the assessment? Have team members carried out similar work in the past? Here they do not necessarily have to have integrated assessment experience specifically, but some indication that they are able to assess status and trends and identify causes and consequences for the status/trends.
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6. Overall is this pre-proposal indicative of a project approach capable of addressing the complex political, socio-economic and technical aspects of the Clinton River issue? Yes / No

7. Please add any additional information you feel will be helpful to the management team: