

ASSESSMENT OF SATISFACTION WITH RIVER FLOW

NAME: _____

DATE & TIME: _____

SITE NAME: _____

COMPLETE ON THE FIRST SITE VIST & THEN ONLY IF THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

QUESTION	YES	NO
1. Is the vegetation of the river bank to protect it from erosion?		
2. Is the rate of sediment erosion or accumulation occurring as you would expect?		
3. Is the channel bed neither aggrading nor degrading?		
4. Is there a range of sediment types on the channel riverbed?		
5. Do you regularly get a flush through that clears excess sediment from spawning gravels, and remodels existing pattern of habitats?		
6. Is the mix of pools, riffles and runs approximately the same as historic times?		
7. Does the channel remain unclogged by sediment?		
8. Is the main channel connected to the floodplain?		
9. From your perspective are flow-related cues / triggers (e.g spawning, heke) occurring for the range of species present in the river?		
10. Is instream habitat suitable for aquatic species that are significant to you?		
11. Is stranding or isolating of species during summer or winter a rare event?		
12. Does the river retain ample instream cover?		
13. Are the species of value to you able to reach the habitat types they require?		
14. Do occasional high flows flow over the banks and sweep nutrients and organic matter into the channel?		
15. Have local wetlands retained their same surface area that they had historically?		
16. Do all reaches of the river that you use maintain flow even during dry, low-flow periods?		
17. Is floodplain vegetation in good health?		
18. Are healthy riparian buffers providing any shade for the river channel?		
19. Is the channel largely unaffected by encroaching invasive vegetation?		
20. Are algae blooms rare occurrences?		