

CULTURAL STREAM HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Date: Site no:

INDICATORS	UNHEALTHY				HEALTHY
1 Catchment land use	1. Land heavily modified Wetlands, marshes lost	2	3	4	5. Appears unmodified
2 Vegetation – banks & margins (100m either side)	1. Little or no vegetation - neither exotic or indigenous	2	3	4	5. Complete cover of vegetation – mostly indigenous
3. Use of the river banks + margins (100m either side)	1. Margins heavily modified	2	3	4	5. Margins unmodified
4. Riverbed condition (sediment)	1. Covered by mud/sand slime, weed	2	3	4	5. Clear of mud/sand/sediment/weed
5. Changes to river channel	1. Evidence of modification eg stopbanks, straightening, gravel removal, shingle build up	2	3	4	5. Appears unmodified
6. Water quality	1. Appears polluted eg foams, oils slime, weeds etc	2	3	4	5. No pollution evident
7. Water Clarity	1. Water badly discoloured	2	3	4	5. Water is clear
8 A variety of habitats	1. Little or no current, Uniform depth and limited Variety of flow related habitatst	2	3	4	5 Current and depth varies creating a variety of different flow related habitats

