1. Projects must fall within the Mandate of Commission activities.

2. Project benefits must flow to all contracting parties.

3. Project proposals must highlight the expected benefits that will be realized by contracting parties if the project if funded.

4. Projects are not to include a subsidy or offset of the budgets for normal program operations of each Contracting Party. New projects must not replace ongoing projects approved by each Contracting Party.

5. Projects must improve our understanding of the biology, or promote the sustainability or the protection of Pacific Salmon.

6. Projects must be completed within specific timeframes and not be funded on an ongoing basis.

7. Projects must not incur ongoing costs that may become a liability to the Commission.

8. Projects require a consensus of all contracting parties before they can be approved for funding.