

# **PRIORITIES FOR RESTORE FUNDED PROJECTS**

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## **A. ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

**25 Points**

- Job Creation
- Infrastructure
- Economic Resiliency
- Impacts to Local & Regional Economy
- Tourism
- Gulf Seafood Marketing

## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**

**25 Points**

- Restoration, Conservation & Preservation of Habitat
- Protects or Enhances Rare and Threatened Resources
- Replenishment & Protection of Living Coastal & Marine Resources
- Restoration & Protection of Water Quality
- Project Synergy

## **C. COMPREHENSIVE FACTORS**

**20 Points**

- Complements Other Projects
- Promotes Community Resiliency
- Promotes Ecological Resiliency
- Part of a Comprehensive Coastal Plan
- Recreational & Educational Uses

## **D. PROJECT LOGISTICS**

**20 Points**

- Project Readiness & Planning
- Likelihood of Success
- Long-term Operation & Management
- Success Criteria & Monitoring
- Based on Best Available Science
- Cost-Effectiveness

## **E. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**20 Points**

- Public Support & Participation
- Financial Partners & Funding

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## **DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY**

The final project application rankings are compiled and submitted to the Governor and/or his designee for review and final approval. The Governor or his designee may make changes to the project rankings upon consideration of other discretionary factors related to protecting, preserving, restoring, or enhancing the natural and economic resources of the Texas coast.