

## Current Issue Presentation - SCORING Sheet

The Current Issue Presentation score is 25% of the team's total Envirothon score. The points awarded by the scoring judges on the panel are averaged to determine the team's score. Teams have seen this score sheet and know what judges will be looking for. Teams have the freedom to plan their own presentation as best fits what they want to say, and to choose whether, how, and in what order they will address these questions. Comments and suggestions for teams are welcome.

### Assessment of Wetlands and Wetland Protection (60 points possible)

Sections 1, 2, and 3 should be scored using the following ranges of point values as a guide:

- 0 = team no-show
- 1-4 = no formal presentation, team engages in some discussion of the topic with judges
- 5-8 = presentation demonstrates very little investigation, many misconceptions and gaps in knowledge
- 9-13 = presentation demonstrates incomplete investigation, some misconceptions and gaps in knowledge, incomplete proposal
- 14-17 = presentation demonstrates evidence of field observations and investigation using at least one local primary resource, solid understanding of concepts, adequate knowledge, solid proposal
- 18-20 = presentation demonstrates insightful understanding of concepts, in-depth knowledge, uses a balance of research from field observations, interviews, and secondary sources, proposal ideas clearly presented and well-supported

#### 1. Introduction to local wetlands

- The team gives an overview of the types and extent of wetlands in their community
- The team explains the functions and values provided by wetlands in their community
- The team offers an assessment of the relative values of specific wetlands in their community
- The team details current and potential threats to wetland functions and values, including consideration of potential effects of climate change
- The team speaks from firsthand experience of visiting wetlands in their community

**SCORE** (20 points possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

#### 2. Status of wetland protections

- The team details the protection that wetlands have in this community, including laws, planning processes, people power, stewardship values, technology and engineering
- The team provides evidence of research into their community's wetland protection issues, including
  - newspaper and other media coverage of water issues related to wetlands,
  - meeting with the Conservation Commission or conservation agent,
  - finding and reading relevant bylaws and plans, and
  - conversations with people who have a variety of expertises and opinions related to wetlands
- The team identifies key wetland protection concern(s) and proposed solutions at the municipal level

**SCORE** (20 points possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

#### 3. Assessment and Recommendations

- The team answers the question: *Are current wetland protections in our community adequate and appropriate?*
- If changes are needed, the team proposes specific measure(s) that should be implemented.
- The team has considered who will need to be involved in decisions and action steps they recommend.
- The team has considered what at their recommendations will cost, and how they should be paid for.

**SCORE** (20 points possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

**SCORE FOR THIS PAGE** (sum of scores on the front of this sheet, 60 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_

## Quality of Presentation (20 points possible)

*This section should be scored using the following rubric as a guide*

0	=	No Presentation
1-4	=	Very Ineffective
5-8	=	Poor
9-13	=	Somewhat Effective
14-17	=	Effective
18-20	=	Extremely Effective

Some marks of an effective Envirothon presentation include:

- The presentation would be compelling for its intended community audience
- Overall organization is thoughtful and clear
- The team uses maps and other visual aids well
- Team members share responsibility for presentation
- The team uses time effectively (close to full 15 minutes allotted, but not over time; apportioned well)
- The team handles questions from the judges well

**SCORE** (20 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

## Overall Quality (20 points possible)

*These points are awarded based on the judge's overall appraisal of the team's work including*

- Thoroughness in research
- Initiative, effort, and adventuresomeness
- Critical thinking and creativity
- Quality of reflection and judgment in weighing potential action given the larger economic and environmental picture
- Honesty and integrity

**SCORE** (20 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

**TOTAL SCORE (sum of front and back of this sheet, 100 points possible)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's initials** \_\_\_\_\_