

Table 43. Summary and Results of Comprehensive Prioritization of Restoration and Protection Actions<sup>1</sup>

| Restoration Tier                                                  | Sub-watershed             | Restoration Ratings       |                            |                                        | Protection Ratings       |                           |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                   |                           | Stream Restoration Rating | Wetland Restoration Rating | Forest Restoration Rating <sup>2</sup> | Stream Protection Rating | Wetland Protection Rating | Forest Protection Rating <sup>2</sup> |
| Tier 1 Sub-watersheds for Restoration and Protection              | Lower Padden Creek        | Highest                   | Highest                    | Highest                                | Lower                    | Lower                     |                                       |
|                                                                   | Baker Creek Tributary     | Highest                   | :Lower                     |                                        | Lower                    | High                      |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lower Baker Creek         | High                      | Moderate-High              |                                        | Lower                    | Moderate                  |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lower Spring Creek        | Moderate                  | High                       |                                        | High                     | Lower                     |                                       |
|                                                                   | Chuckanut Creek           | Lower                     | Lower                      |                                        | Highest                  | Highest                   | Highest                               |
|                                                                   | Upper Whatcom Creek       | Lower                     | Lower                      |                                        | Highest                  | Highest                   | Highest                               |
|                                                                   | Cemetery Creek            | Moderate                  | Lower                      |                                        | High                     | Highest                   |                                       |
|                                                                   | Bear Creek                | Moderate                  | Lower                      |                                        | Moderate                 | High                      |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lower Squalicum Creek     | Moderate                  | Lower                      | Highest                                | Moderate                 | High                      | Highest                               |
| Tier 2 Sub-watersheds for Restoration and Protection              | Lower Toad Creek          | High                      | Highest                    |                                        | High                     | Lower                     |                                       |
|                                                                   | Upper Padden Creek        | Lower                     | High                       |                                        | Highest                  | Moderate-Low              |                                       |
|                                                                   | Little Squalicum Creek    | Highest                   | Lowest                     |                                        | Lower                    | Lowest                    |                                       |
|                                                                   | Hannah Creek              | High                      | Lowest                     |                                        | High                     | Lowest                    |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lost Creek                | High                      | High-Moderate              |                                        | Lower                    | High                      |                                       |
|                                                                   | Fort Bellingham           | Moderate                  | High                       |                                        | Moderate                 | High                      |                                       |
|                                                                   | Silver Creek Tributary #1 | Moderate                  | Moderate                   |                                        | Moderate                 | Moderate                  |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lake Padden               | Lower                     | Moderate                   |                                        | Moderate                 | Moderate                  |                                       |
|                                                                   | Spokane Creek             | Lower                     | Lower                      |                                        | High                     | Lower                     |                                       |
|                                                                   | Connelly Creek            | Lowest                    | Highest                    |                                        | Lowest                   | Highest                   |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lincoln Creek             | Lowest                    | Highest                    |                                        | Lowest                   | Highest                   |                                       |
|                                                                   | Lower Whatcom Creek       | Lowest                    | Lowest                     |                                        | Lowest                   | Lowest                    |                                       |
|                                                                   | Silver Creek Tributary #2 | Lowest                    | Moderate                   |                                        | Lowest                   | Moderate                  |                                       |
|                                                                   | Fever Creek               | Lowest                    | High                       |                                        | Lowest                   | High                      |                                       |
|                                                                   |                           |                           |                            |                                        |                          |                           |                                       |
| Tier 3 Sub-watersheds for Restoration and Protection <sup>1</sup> | North Lower Squalicum     | No Streams                | Lowest <sup>3</sup>        |                                        | No Streams               | Lowest <sup>3</sup>       |                                       |
|                                                                   | South Bellingham          | No Streams                | Lowest <sup>3</sup>        |                                        | No Streams               | Lowest <sup>3</sup>       |                                       |
|                                                                   | Alderwood Creek           | Lowest <sup>3</sup>       | Lowest <sup>3</sup>        |                                        | Lowest <sup>3</sup>      | Lowest <sup>3</sup>       |                                       |
|                                                                   | Central Bellingham        | No Streams                | Lowest <sup>3</sup>        |                                        | No Streams               | Lowest <sup>3</sup>       |                                       |
|                                                                   | Squalicum Harbor          | No Streams                | Lowest <sup>3</sup>        |                                        | No Streams               | Lowest <sup>3</sup>       |                                       |

<sup>1</sup> Some of the Restoration Assessment results appear to conflict with the prioritized restoration rankings presented in CGS (2013). This can be explained based on the exclusion of marine nearshore habitat in the assessment. Although a sub-watershed may rank low for wetland, forest, or riverine restoration many of these sub-watersheds could benefit from nearshore restoration.

<sup>2</sup> Only the Tier 1 forest protection priorities are shown in the table. See Table B-8 in Attachment B for complete list of forest block prioritization.

<sup>3</sup> Classified as Tier 3 during the Secondary Prioritization. These sub-watersheds were evaluated as having an extremely low chance of successful restoration, due to very low existing habitat functions for both riverine and wetland Habitat Groups or the lack of multiple Habitat Groups.