

Oral Presentation Scoring Elements

Part I - Preparation and Presentation of a Plan (25 points maximum)

- Address the specific environmental problem and all related issues. (0 to 10 points)
- Include each of the major natural resource areas. Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, and Wildlife. (0 to 10 points)
- Identify all the different players and interest groups affected by the problem. (0 to 5 points)

Part II - Application of Data (40 points maximum)

- **Problem solution** – The solution must be factually correct; must address all parts of the problem and have a realistic potential to be applied or implemented. The solution should lead to long term sustainability with respect to natural resources. (0 to 10 points)
- **Main points** – All points should be clearly stated and well supported. (0 to 10 points)
- **Political Issues** – Address any relevant regulations and mandates as well as any potential impacts on the political system and or community. (0 to 5 points)
- **Ecological/Environmental Issues** – Address the major ecological and environmental issues. (0 to 5 points)
- **Economic Issues** – Address the following: the cost and benefit of the proposed plan, the cost of implementing the plan, the economic impact on local resources, the cost of doing nothing, potential future costs, potential funding source(s), etc. (0 to 5 points)
- **Social and Cultural Issues** – Address any of the following that might be relevant to the problem and it's solution: private property rights, traditions, a clean and healthy environment, the right to farm, urban issues, cultural issues, and environmental justice. (0 to 5 points)

Part III - Quality of Presentation (20 points maximum)

- **Organization** – Begin with a clear introduction, follow a logical progression throughout the presentation, and finish with a strong conclusion. (0 to 5 points)
- **Presentation Delivery** – Use proper eye contact, gestures, voice inflection, originality, and professionalism, etc. (0 to 5 points)
- **Visual Aids** – Use a poster board and colored markers to create visual aids that add to the presentation. Strive to make these visual aids factually correct, appropriate, eye appealing, readable, neat, etc. (0 to 5 points)
- **Judges Questions** – Following the presentation there will be a 5 minute period of questions from the judges. All answers that are provided should be correct, logical, and concise. All team members should participate equally. (0 to 5 points)

Part IV - Required Elements (15 points maximum)

- **Equal Participation** –Your team will receive 1 point for each team member that took an equal part in the presentation. Teams with less than 5 members can only receive a maximum number of points equal to the number of team members. (0 to 5 points)
- **Present a Plan** –Present a clearly defined plan. (0 to 5 points)
- **Timing of Presentation** – Time the presentation to be 9 to 10 minutes in length to maximize your score. All presentations must end at exactly 10 minutes. The timekeeper will give you visual warnings of how much time you have left. At the 1 minute warning your team should start to wrap things up with a conclusion. (5 pts: 9-10 minutes; 4 pts: 8-8:59 minutes; 3 pts: 7-7:59 minutes; 2 pts: 6-6:59 minutes; 1 pt: 5-5:59; 0 pts: <5 minutes)