

## Draft Variable/Stressor Identification and Ranking Criteria

### Stressor Impact

For each variable/stressor there are currently six characteristics and 3 levels of impact that may be considered and weighed for selecting and ranking of variable/stressors to fish habitat. These characteristics and levels of impact are draft and workshop participants will have the opportunity to recommend final workshop criteria. Participants will use their best professional judgment. These criterion are to guide the workshop framework and future analysis or research.

1. **Timing** - past, ongoing or future impact of the stressor
2. **Severity** - the overall declines in habitat or species caused by the stressor (rapid declines, slow but significant declines, negligible declines)
3. **Habitat function**- the overall changes in habitat processes (little/none, moderate, substantial)
4. **Reversibility** – What is the practicality of reversing and/or preventing the impact (low, medium high)?
5. **Spatial Extent** – What proportion of the habitat is impacted or likely to be impacted (10-30 year time horizon) (low, medium high)?
6. **Certainty** – How much knowledge is available for the stressor (little/none, moderate, substantial)?