<u>NON-RESEARCH PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA</u>
TOTAL SCORE: _____

Project proposals will be evaluated on a numerical scale based upon the following criteria. Total points available =140

_____**Problem Statement:** (Max 15 points)

8-15 points   The proposal clearly defines the problem or issue and describes how the project will resolve the problem.

1-7 points   The proposal clearly defines the problem or issue, however, it does not clearly describe how the project will resolve the problem.

0 points   The proposal does not clearly define a problem or there is no connection shown between the project and the problem.

_____**Project Outcomes:** (Max 15 points)

8-15 points   The project outcomes are clear and concise; the proposal shows how the outcomes are attainable and/or that they will produce useable results.

1-7 points   The project outcomes are clear; however, it is not clear that the outcomes are attainable and/or that they will produce useable results.

0 points   The project outcomes are not clear and concise.

_____**Project Work Schedule, Deliverables and Budget:** (Max 15 points)

8-15 points   The project work schedule and budget are clearly stated, clearly linked, and provide a logical sequence to produce well- defined deliverables *and* the budget optimizes funding through an efficient use of funds as illustrated by budget and budget narrative.

1-7 points   The project work schedule and budget are clearly stated, clearly linked and provide a logical sequence to produce well-defined deliverables.

0 points   The project work schedule, deliverables and budget are unclear or unrealistic.

_____**Coastal Resource Management and Planning/Practicality:** (Max 20 points)

11-20 points   The proposed project clearly describes its application to the Georgia Coastal Management Program mission and specifically identifies practical uses for the project information or project result (can be an educational experience or construction project) by coastal managers (federal, state and/or local level.)

1-10 points   The proposed project clearly describes its application to the Georgia Coastal Management Program mission, but does not specifically identify the practical use of the project information or result by coastal managers.

0 points   The proposed project does not clearly describe its application or utility to coastal managers.

_____**Timing/Immediacy:** (Max 10 points)

6-10 points   The project can be done only at this time due to current circumstances and the proposal clearly describes and supports those circumstances.

1-5 points   The project may be done at some future time, but project benefits will be maximized if its completion can capitalize on current circumstances.

0 points   The project may be done at a future time with no significant ill effects accruing to the project benefits.

_____**Planning Priority:** (Max 15 points)

8-15 points   The project is <u>specifically identified</u> by one or more federal, state, regional, and/or local plans. (**Applicant must reference or attach a copy of the relevant section of the plan(s) in order to receive points.**)

1-7 points   The project need is <u>conceptually supported</u> by one federal, state, regional, and/or local plan. (**Applicant must reference or attach a copy of the relevant section of the plan(s) in order to receive points.**)

0 points   The project is not identified or conceptually supported in a published plan.

_____**Natural Resource Conservation, Protection, Restoration and Enhancement:** (Max 15 points)

1-15 points   Rank the degree to which the project will <u>conserve, protect, restore, sustain or enhance</u> a coastal resource(s).

_____**Community Partnership and Volunteer Involvement:** (Max 10 points)

6-10 points   The project involves cooperation with two or more coastal municipalities, community agencies or organizations, or volunteers will contribute a _substantial_ amount of time and effort to the project. The application clearly describes how partners will contribute and does not just make a conclusory statement.

1-5 points   The project involves cooperation with one coastal municipality, community agency or organization, or volunteers will contribute a _moderate_ amount of time and effort to the project. The application clearly describes how the partner will contribute and does not just make a conclusory statement.

0 points   The project involves only the applicant agency and does not include the use of volunteers or partner organizations.

_____**Communications Component:** (Max 15 points)

8-15 points   The proposed project clearly describes an educational and/or training component which provides information and findings to multiple audiences (i.e. scientific community, local government, general public, key stakeholders, etc.).

1-7 points   The proposed project clearly describes an educational and/or training component which provides information and findings to a specific targeted audience or the general public, but not to both.

0 points   The proposed project does not clearly describe an educational and/or training component.

_____**Matching of Sub-Grant Funds:** (Max 10 points)

10 points   The project provides other public and/or private investments (match) equal to or greater than 200% (i.e. 2:1) of the requested federal funds.

7 points   The project provides other public and/or private investments (match) equal to or greater than 150% (i.e. 1.5:1) of the requested federal funds.

4 points   The project provides other public and/or private investments (match) equal to or greater than 110% (i.e. 1.1:1) of the requested federal funds.

0 points   The project does not provide more than the required 100% (i.e. 1:1) of the requested federal funds.

_____ **REVIEWER TOTAL (Max 140 points)**

Reviewer Comments: