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Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP2)**

**Element 12 – Food, cover/shelter**

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General Information	
Client: _____	Farm #: _____
Field Office: _____	Tract #: _____
County: _____	Field # and acreage: _____

Element 12: Food, cover/shelter

**Element 12 Fish habitat complexity scoring matrix**

Ten or more habitat features available, at least one of which is considered optimal in reference sites (large wood in forested streams)	Eight to nine habitat features available	Six to seven habitat features available	Four to five habitat features available	Less than four habitat features available
10    9	8    7	6    5	4    3	2    1    0

**Note:** Fish habitat features: logs/large wood, deep pools, other pools (scour, plunge, shallow, pocket) overhanging vegetation, boulders, cobble, riffles, undercut banks, thick root mats, dense macrophyte beds, backwater pools, and other off-channel habitats