Reaches rated using a half-scale of the macrohabitat scores and are designated as:

- Low Suitability
- Moderate-Low Suitability
- Moderate-Moderate Suitability
- Moderate-High Suitability
- High Suitability

Areas of Special Consideration - Ecological

Areas within watercourses that contain ecologically or culturally important fisheries or aquatic resources or provide significant, critical linkages to upstream habitats for fish have been designated as "Areas of Special Consideration". Reaches within these areas are characterized using the half-scale of macrohabitat scores and are designated as:

- Areas of Special Consideration - Ecological

Previous Development Designation

This approach has proven to be effective when assessing habitat in streams not affected by human activity, but the predicted habitat features and conditions may not be present in streams already affected by placer mining. For this reason, the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining includes a "Previous Development" designation. It will adjust the classification of streams that are currently mined, or were mined in the past.

On this map a grey, black or mauve buffer surrounding a stream represents reaches that have been affected by placer mining. A grey buffer indicates current activity, a black buffer shows where placer mining occurred in the past, and a mauve buffer describes extensive development. The coloured line immediately within a buffer depicts the habitat suitability that would be predicted if mining were to cease in that area, and the "Previous Development" designation reflects the habitat suitability ranking that will be assigned to the reach, taking the "Previous Development" designation into account.

It should be noted that while the Previous Development designation applies to placer mining activity, it is intended that any remaining conditions or future restoration efforts will achieve the standard required for the predicted (or highest) habitat suitability classification.

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Areas of Special Consideration may be established for anadromous or non-anadromous species of fish. In a watershed, Areas of Special Consideration include spawning areas and migration routes for chinook, coho or sockeye salmon, as well as spawning areas for rainbow trout, Cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden.