



ATTAINS UPDATE

EPA Region 6

Dallas, Texas

2019 Tribal Environmental Summit

WHY USE ATTAINS?

- Electronic reporting of water quality assessment decisions
- Tracks tribal water quality through time
- Allows tribal data to be reported on a national scale
- Put tribes on the same page as states when it comes to water condition reporting



ATTAINS IS...

- ATTAINS is NOT a data warehouse
 - Still use WQX!
- ATTAINS does NOT analyze your data for you. This must be performed outside of ATTAINs
- ATTAINS is a place to report water quality assessments and track these assessments over time

BENEFITS FOR TRIBES

- Comprehensive reporting tool in which to submit attainment decisions, assessment methodology, and final report each year
- Big picture analysis of tribal water health
 - More informed decision making for managers
 - Public transparency
- Prepares tribes for part of the 303(d) TAS application, if interested in applying



BENEFITS FOR EPA

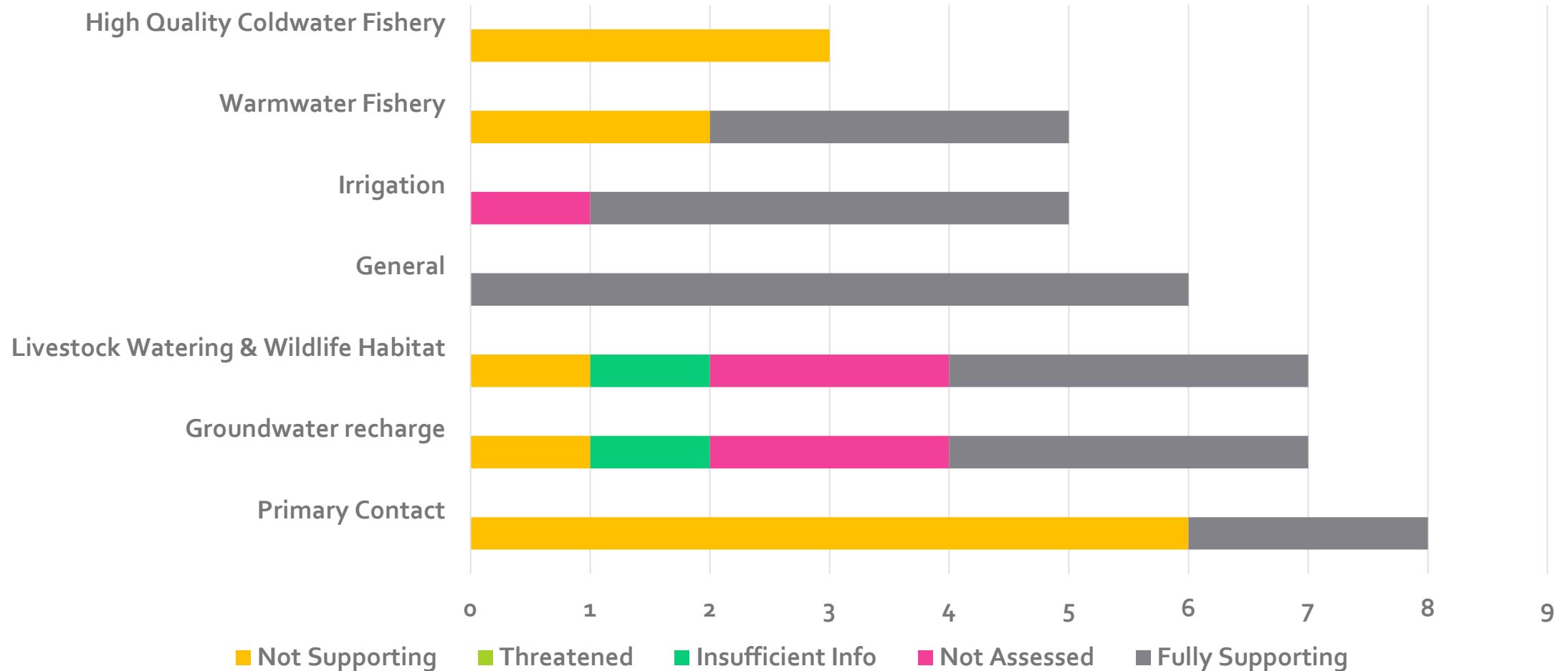
- Tribal assessment data would be publically available
- Will reduce regional reporting for strategic plan measures
- Aligns tribal reporting with state reporting



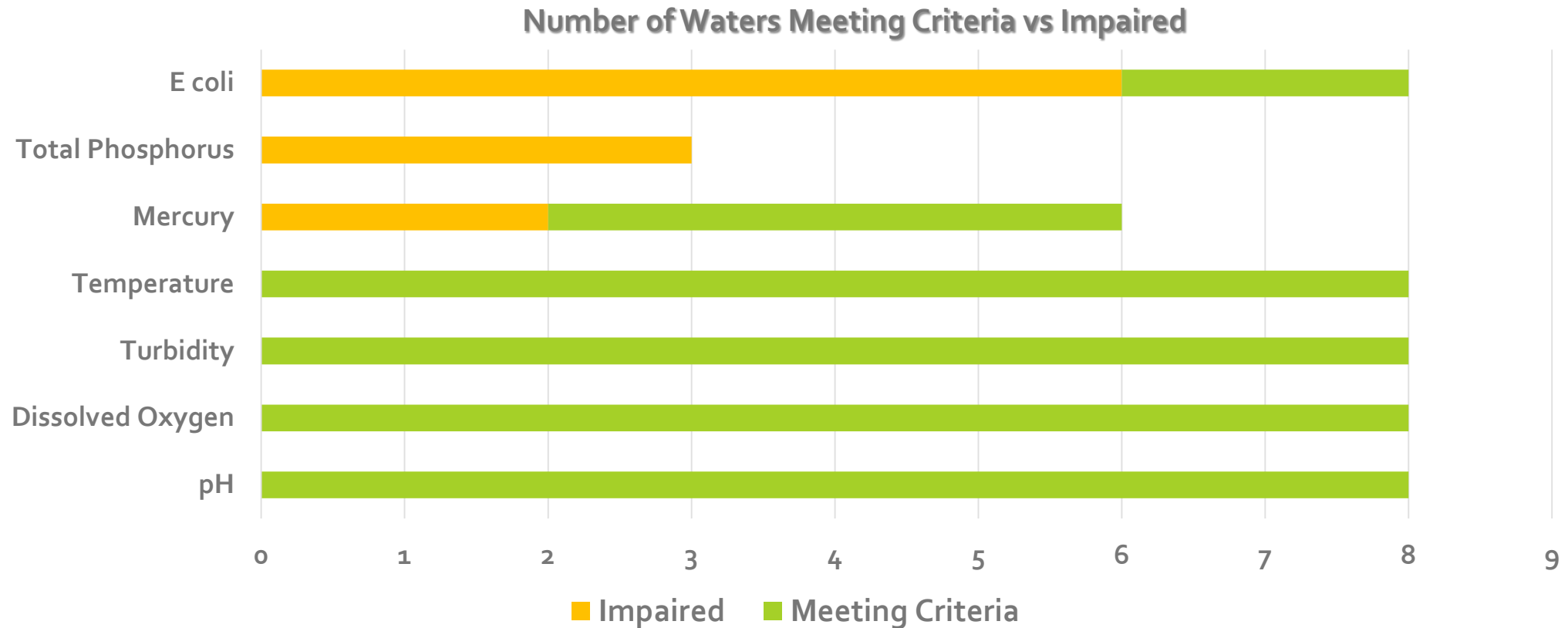
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- Pilot project in second year
- 11 Region 6 tribes submitted in FY2017
- 9 Region 6 tribes submitted for FY2018 and are in the process of being reviewed
- <https://attains.epa.gov/attains/login>

DESIGNATED USES ATTAINMENT SNAPSHOT



WATER QUALITY SNAPSHOT



NEXT STEPS

- Pilot ending in FY2019
- Interested eligible tribes can attend training sponsored by EPA and ITEP

 Need Assessment Method

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QUESTIONS?

