

Real-World Innovation Poster – Scoring Rubric

2026 SeaPerch Season

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Scoring Guidelines:
Missing Components (0 points): Requirements missing
Minimal (1-3 points): Below Average
Good (4-6 points): Above Average
Mastery (7-10 points): Superior

TOTAL SCORE

TEAM #	
TEAM NAME	
ORG./SCHOOL	
CLASS/DIVISION	
JUDGE	

	Missing	Minimal				Good				Mastery				
Project Overview	The team provides an overview of their project, approach, and findings.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Background & Rationale	The poster discusses the team’s motivations for conducting the project.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Approach	The team clearly describes and provides justification for their approach to the project.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Discussion & Reasoning	The team uses evidence to support their approach and any modifications to their project.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Next Steps	The team thoughtfully considers new questions and next steps for their project.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Use of Graphics	The team uses images, charts, and figures to support the text.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Organization	The poster’s content is organized in a way that makes it easy for the reader to follow.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Creativity	The team’s project is creative and describes an innovative approach to a real-world issue.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Overall Quality	The poster effectively conveys the project and approach.													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
	TOTAL POINTS (90 POINTS MAX):													

Notes for Team: