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<td>Pelvic bones covered, can only be felt with firm pressure. No cavity around the tail.</td>
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<td>Edge of transverse spinal process can only be felt with firm pressure. Flank is full.</td>
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<td>Backbone vertebrae prominent and sharp throughout the length of the backbone.</td>
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<td>Ribs are well covered and cannot be seen or felt.</td>
<td>Thick fat cover, ribs cannot be seen or felt.</td>
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Table 5: Summary of Body Condition Scores for Hippopotamus
Score 1: Thin/Emaciated

Pelvic Bones & Tail Base  Pelvic bones are prominent. Deep cavity around the tail base.

Loin  Loin is very narrow. Sharp edges on transverse spinal process. Flank very hollow.

Back  Backbone vertebrae prominent and sharp throughout the length of the backbone.

Ribs  Individual ribs very prominent.

Figure 21: Body Condition Score 1 - Thin/Emaciated Hippopotamus
Score 2: Thin

Pelvic Bones & Tail Base
Pelvic bones are visible, but some slight cover. The tail base is covered.

Loin
Loin is narrow. Only slight cover to edge of transverse spinal process. Flank is rather hollow.

Back
Backbone vertebrae are obvious. Some cover further back.

Ribs
Rib cage is apparent.

Figure 22: Body Condition Score 2 - Thin Hippopotamus
Score 3:  Good

Pelvic Bones & Tail Base
Pelvic bones covered, can only be felt with firm pressure. No cavity around the tail.

Loin
Edge of transverse spinal process can only be felt with firm pressure. Flank is full.

Back
Backbone vertebrae are covered and felt only with firm pressure.

Ribs
Rib cage is not visible. Very difficult to feel any ribs.

Figure 23: Body Condition Score 3 - Good Hippopotamus
Score 4: Fat

Pelvic Bones & Tail Base
Pelvic bones rounded and cannot be felt. Root of tail set deep in surrounding fat.

Loin
Transverse spinal process well covered and cannot be felt. Flank full and rounded.

Back
Backbone vertebrae cannot be felt.

Ribs
Ribs are well covered and cannot be seen or felt.

Figure 24: Body Condition Score 4 - Fat Hippopotamus
Score 5: Obese

Pelvic Bones & Tail Base
Pelvic bones very well rounded (cannot be felt). Further deposition of fat impossible.

Loin
Transverse spinal process well covered and cannot be felt.

Back
Backbone appears as slight hollow between rolls of fat.

Ribs
Thick fat cover, ribs cannot be seen or felt.

Figure 5: Body Condition Score 5 - Obese Hippopotamus