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## SMITH ISLAND ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

The Smith Island Estuary Restoration Project is one of the highest priority, regionally significant Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) projects. It creates habitat for wildlife and threatened salmon, reduces the risk of flooding to property, and provides open space for recreation.

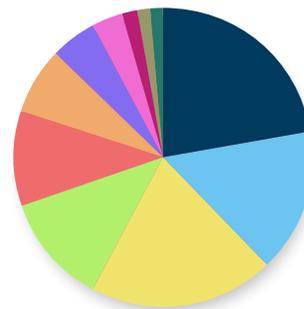
### ACTIONS

- ✓ Removed approximately 4500 feet of existing dike, opened estuary channels, and placed wood to create habitat for young salmon
- ✓ Built a new dike, drainage pond, and pump system to protect private property and public infrastructure
- ✓ Protected a natural gas pipeline serving thousands of western Washington homes and businesses
- ✓ Improved access for personal watercraft and walking

### COMPLETED IN 2018, THIS PROJECT:

### BENEFITS

- ✓ Restores more than 300 acres of Puget Sound tidal wetland that provides slow water for young salmon to rest, feed, and grow before moving out into the ocean
- ✓ Provides habitat for Chinook salmon, the primary prey source for the endangered southern resident orcas
- ✓ Supports tribal treaty rights
- ✓ Protects more than \$80 million worth of public infrastructure and private businesses from impacts of increasing tides and wetter storms that can cause flooding



Agency acronyms:

- DNR: Department of Natural Resources
- PSP: Puget Sound Partnership
- RCO: Recreation and Conservation Office
- SRFB: Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- WDFW: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
- NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

	Puget Sound Restoration & Acquisition (PSAR) (PSP/RCO)	<b>\$6,650,000</b>
	Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) (WDFW/RCO)	<b>\$4,600,000</b>
	Snohomish County	<b>\$5,871,000</b>
	NOAA Restoration Center	<b>\$3,567,142</b>
	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (RCO)	<b>\$3,043,884</b>
	US Fish and Wildlife Service	<b>\$2,079,987</b>
	BNSF Railroad	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
	Washington Department of Transportation	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
	Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) DNR/RCO)	<b>\$500,000</b>
	City of Everett	<b>\$422,000</b>
	State Salmon Recovery (SRFB/RCO)	<b>\$335,762</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,570,000</b>

INVESTING IN HABITAT RESTORATION AND PROTECTION TO  
BRING BACK PUGET SOUND'S DYNAMIC NATURAL SYSTEMS —  
FOR SALMON, PEOPLE, AND COMMUNITY



## WHAT IS PSAR?

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program was created in 2007 to help implement the most important habitat protection and restoration priorities for Puget Sound. Funding is appropriated by the Legislature and allocated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The Puget Sound Partnership works with local entities to identify and prioritize projects.

## WHY IS PSAR AN EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT?

### **PSAR-funded projects restore critical habitat and salmon populations to Puget Sound.**

Because the projects are thoroughly reviewed, their benefit to improved salmon habitat in Puget Sound is significant. The projects:

- ☑ Are locally vetted and locally supported
- ☑ Are informed by science and the NOAA-approved Chinook recovery strategy
- ☑ Are endorsed by citizens, cities, counties, tribes, non-profit organizations, and government agencies
- ☑ Generate multiple benefits, such as local jobs and recreational opportunities



### **PSAR projects make efficient use of public money.**

To be eligible for funding, proposed projects must first advance through a series of rigorous, science-driven reviews. The reviews occur at the local and regional level and ensure that all PSAR projects align with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan, as well as with the Puget Sound Partnership's ecosystem recovery targets, listed in the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

Finally, project sponsors must provide for long-term stewardship of their projects and allow compatible public access to project sites.

The PSAR grant fund is co-managed by the Puget Sound Partnership and Recreation and Conservation Office.

**For more information on the PSAR program, go to [www.psp.wa.gov/psar](http://www.psp.wa.gov/psar)**



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