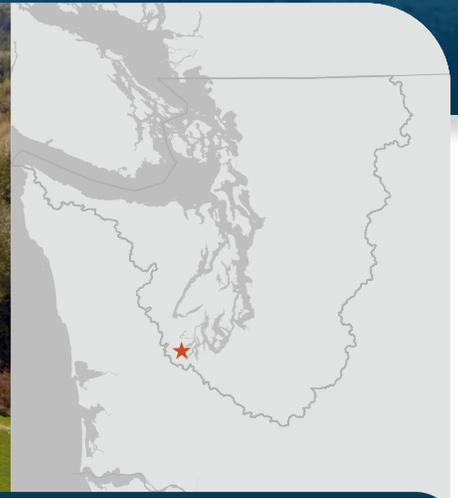


RANKED  
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The acquisition of four properties in the Skookum Valley, near Shelton in south Puget Sound, will preserve important habitat for coho, chum, steelhead (listed as a threatened species), and cutthroat. Skookum Creek and several tributaries provide freshwater habitat for young salmon to feed and grow before moving out into Skookum Inlet. The sites include significant habitat for elk that are part of the Willapa Hills herd.

## KEY BENEFITS

- Protects 322 acres of riparian habitat for salmon, elk, and other wildlife.
- Protects 170 acres of wetlands and nearly three miles of Skookum Creek and tributaries.
- Preserves water quality and maintains shade from the forest along the stream to keep the water cool for salmon.

## SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- Ranked #5 for PSAR 2021-2023 regionally significant projects.
- Supported by all four landowners in the Skookum Valley.
- Ranked #1 in the Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan for WRIA 14.
- This project supports tribal treaty rights.

Funding Request

**\$1,877,210**

Congressional District: **6**

Legislative District: **35**

WRIA: **14** County: **Mason**

Project Sponsor:  
**Squaxin Island Tribe**

## PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

**322 acres**

Floodplain, riparian,  
and wetland  
habitat preserved

**3 miles**

Streams protected for salmon

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FOR SALMON, ORCAS, AND PEOPLE



## WHAT IS PSAR?

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program was created in 2007 to help implement the most important habitat protection and restoration projects for Puget Sound. Funding is appropriated every two years by the Washington State Legislature and allocated through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The program has two parts, with \$30 million provided as base funding for locally significant projects and remaining funds allocated to projects that are ranked as regionally significant.

## A GOOD INVESTMENT

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- Support recovery of Puget Sound salmon, a critical food source for endangered southern resident orcas
- Provide local jobs, public access, and recreational opportunities
- Align with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan and the Puget Sound Action Agenda
- Are informed by science and the NOAA-approved Chinook salmon recovery strategy
- Are endorsed by members of the public, cities, counties, tribes, non-profit organizations, and government agencies

**PSAR projects make cost-effective use of public money.**

PSAR supports local communities by **creating more than 3,400 jobs in the last 13 years**. PSAR has also **leveraged \$157 million in federal and other matching funds and generated approximately \$560 million in economic activity**.

PSAR investments have supported the work of our partners to **restore and protect more than 3,200 acres of estuary habitat, 140 river miles for fish passage, and 12,000 acres of watershed habitat**. Many projects support multiple benefits.

The Puget Sound Partnership manages the PSAR program; funds are administered through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.