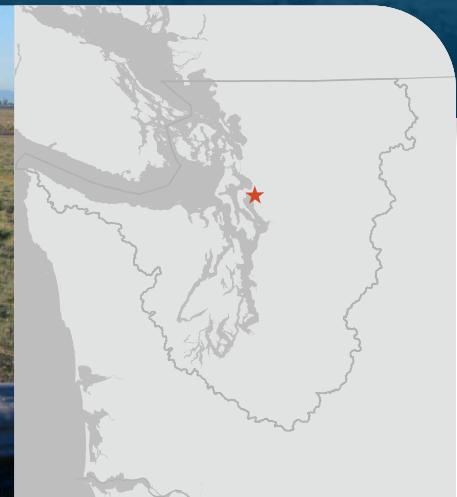


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This project will acquire 537 acres of Stillaguamish Delta that were once a complex mosaic of brackish wetlands, and allow for their eventual restoration. Historically, this land supported abundant fish and wildlife populations that local Tribes depended on. This project will also link over 400 acres of recently restored tidal wetlands in the delta. This acquisition will bring the restored area of the delta to over 1200 acres, almost double the tidal wetland area currently present.

KEY BENEFITS

- Addresses key recovery goals for four salmon species listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- Improves salmon rearing and spawning habitat in one of the most important salmon reaches in the Snohomish River Basin.
- Reduces flood risk to 325 acres of nearby properties and roads.
- Provides increased recreational access for community residents.

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- Ranked #2 for PSAR 2021-2023 regionally significant projects.
- Directly implements the Stillaguamish Chinook Recovery Plan by purchasing former tidal wetlands.
- Stillaguamish River Delta is one of 16 priority river deltas in the Puget Sound Action Agenda.
- This project supports tribal treaty rights.

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Funding Request

\$1,644,263

Congressional District: **2**

Legislative District: **10**

WRIA: **5** County: **Snohomish**

Project Sponsor: **Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians**

PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

537 acres

Tidal wetland protected

21 miles

Tidal channels available across the site

400 acres

Floodplain available for future reconnection

137 acres

Tidal wetlands currently used by fish

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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

PSAR projects restore habitat critical to the survival of Puget Sound salmon populations.

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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.