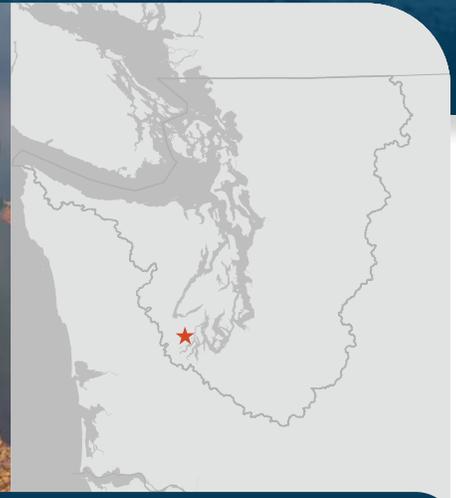


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Due to intensive industrial and commercial use for over 100 years, the ecological systems of Shelton Harbor (or West Oakland Bay), lower Goldsborough Creek, and the adjacent shoreline ecosystem have deteriorated greatly. This project will complete the recently finished marsh restoration for Shelton Harbor that will restore tidal flow, remove shoreline armoring, and plant critical saltmarsh vegetation that provide habitat for salmonid juveniles and adults, as well as their prey.

KEY BENEFITS

- Restoration will provide habitat for juvenile salmon, aquatic birds, and other wildlife.
- Improves marine shorelines and riparian zones.
- Improves marine sediment quality by adding natural material for saltmarsh.
- Benefits salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act, in addition to benefiting other non-listed fish species.

SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT

- Ranked #7 for PSAR 2021-2023 regionally significant projects.
- Restoration site is designated as a Priority Nearshore Area by the South Sound Salmon Sustainability Group.
- This area is a priority restoration target in NOAA's Chinook Recovery Plan for South Puget Sound.

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Funding Request

\$5,966,467

Congressional District: **10**

Legislative District: **35**

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

Project Sponsor:
Squaxin Island Tribe

PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

17 acres

Saltmarsh habitat restored

.25 miles

Armoring removed

4 acres

Streams stabilized

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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.