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The Whole is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts: Engaging Communities for Flood Risk Reduction, Species Recovery and Other Community Priorities

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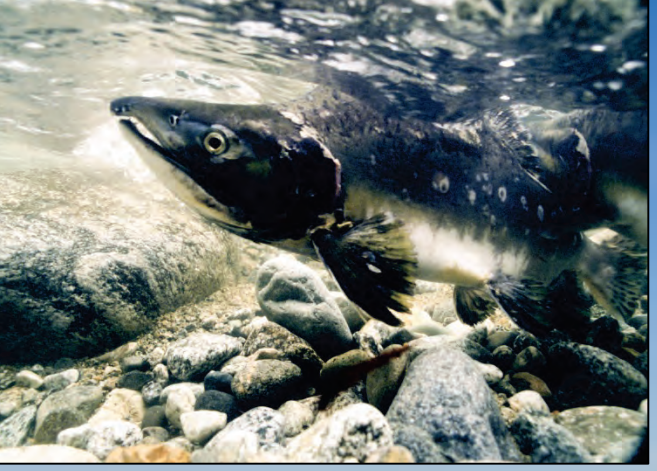

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WARNING
CONTAMINATED
SHELLFISH

Fisher Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration

South Fork Skagit River

Fisher Slough restoration area

Fisher Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration

Farms, Fish and Flood Initiative

OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS	Project 1		
FISH				
Restore Sufficient Estuary Habitat to Produce 1.35 Million Smolts		Data	Score	Data
1. Increase Area Subject to Natural Tidal and Riverine Processes.	Total project area with restored processes			
2. Increase Area of Tidal and Riverine Channels Suitable To Chinook Rearing Fry.	Total number of acre-hours suitable habitat predicted			
	Steady state predictions of channel area			
3. Increase Chinook Smolt Production	Estimated new smolts produced annually			
4. Increase the Landscape Connectivity	Index of connectivity summed across study area			
5. Enhance Valued Nearshore Rearing Habitats By Reducing Sediment Impacts.	H,M,L potential for increased sediment storage			
6. Maintain and/or Improve Diversity of Tidal Marsh Habitats.	Diveristy metric of habitat types across elevation gradient			
Total Score				
Rank				
FLOOD				
Reduce Flood Damages and Risks to Safety		Data	Score	Data
1. Reduce Water Surface Elevation Within the Study Area.	Flood stage relative to existing conditions			
2. Reduce Risk of Levee Failure By Constructing New Engineered Levees.	Linear feet of replaced or relocated levee in known risk locations			
3. Reduce Risk of Unplanned Levee Overtopping.	Replaced or relocated levee/sea dike in potential overtopping locations			
4. Reduce Risk Of Levee Failure Associated with Scour Locations.	Includes a known scour site or site predicted by model			
5. Improve Agriculture Flood Drainage	Site includes a flood flow return site identified by CDD#22 & Skagit County			
Total Score				
Rank				
FARM				
Protect Short and Long Term Viability of Agriculture		Data	Score	Data
1. Minimize Conversion of Farmland By Maximizing Smolts Per Acre Restored.	Acres of converted farmland			
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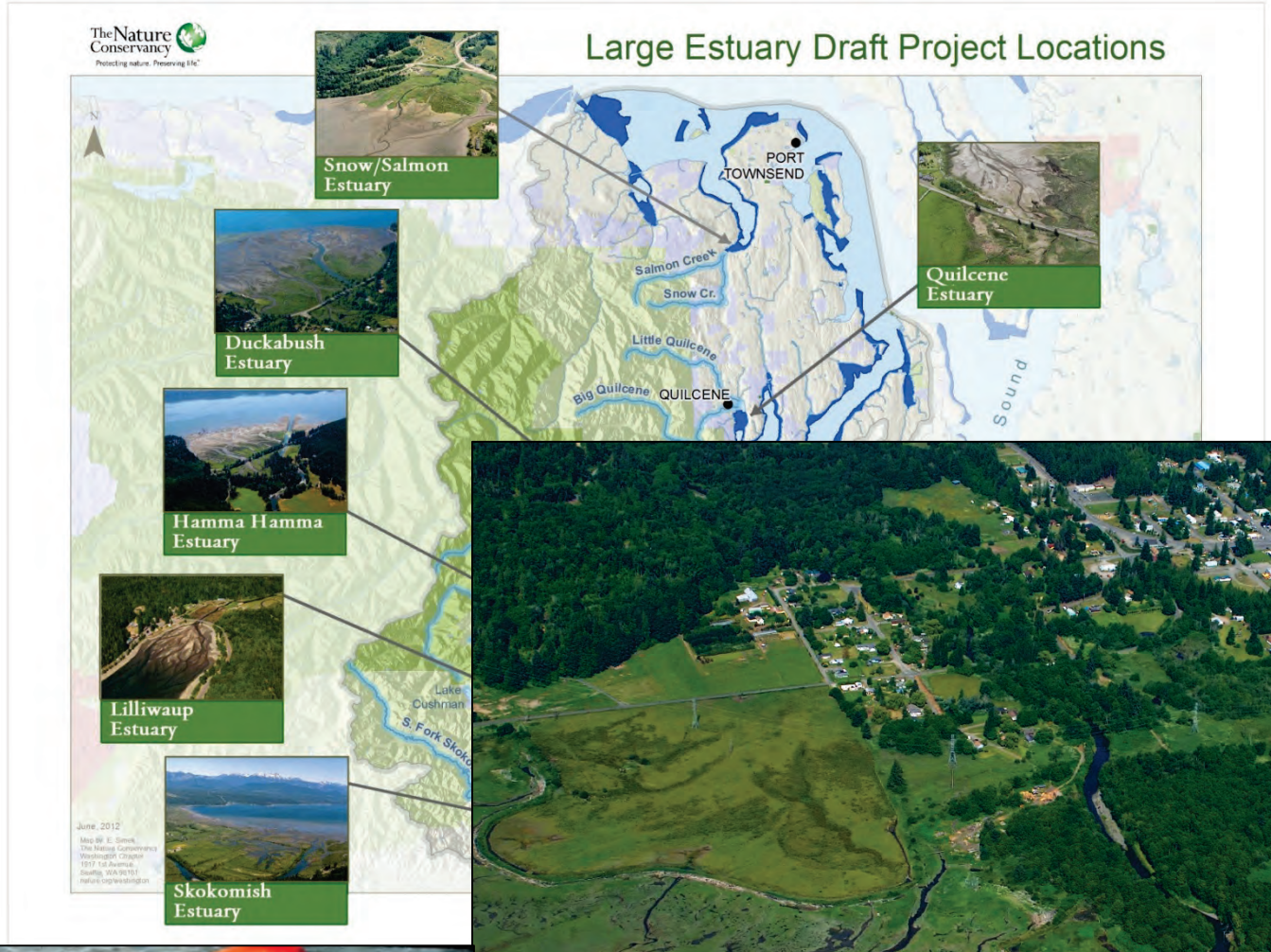
3. Support Tidegate Maintenance Through the TFI Implementation Agreement.	Restoration acres that support TFI credits			
4. Restore Public Land First.	Landownership			
5. Minimize Conversion of Protected Farmland Parcels.	Yes or No whether restoration footprint overlapes esiting farmland easement			
Total Score				
Rank				
MULTIPLE BENEFITS				
Multiple Benefit Total Score				
Multiple Benefit Total Score Rank				
Balance Between Benefits (F:F:F or standard deviation)				

Hood Canal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Large Estuary Draft Project Locations
Snow/Salmon Estuary
Duckabush Estuary
Hamma Hamma Estuary
Lilliwaup Estuary
Skokomish Estuary
Quilcene Estuary
PORT TOWNSEND
Salmon Creek
Snow Cr.
Little Quilcene
Big Quilcene
QUILCENE
Sound
Lake Cushman
S. Fork Skoko
June, 2012


Welcome to
Quilcene
Pearl of the Peninsula


Humans benefit from and coexist sustainably
with a healthy Hood Canal

Identifying who to engage

- Future owners
- Potentially affected neighbors
- Potential detractors
- Technical resources
- Key community leaders
- Potential beneficiaries

Big Quilcene Goals include…

Improve Public Access to Resources:

- *Identify key access points and linkages*
- *Recreation access and support facilities*

When and how do you engage the appropriate people?

It depends, but generally…

- Early and often
- With an open mind to others' needs
- With a willingness to be responsive
- Using a transparent process

BIG QUILCENE PROJECT GOALS

- *Benefit the Local Economy*
- *Improve Public Access to Resources*
- ***Assess Compatibility with Shellfish Resources***
- *Create Educational Opportunities*
- *Restore Habitat*
- *Reduce Flood Risk*

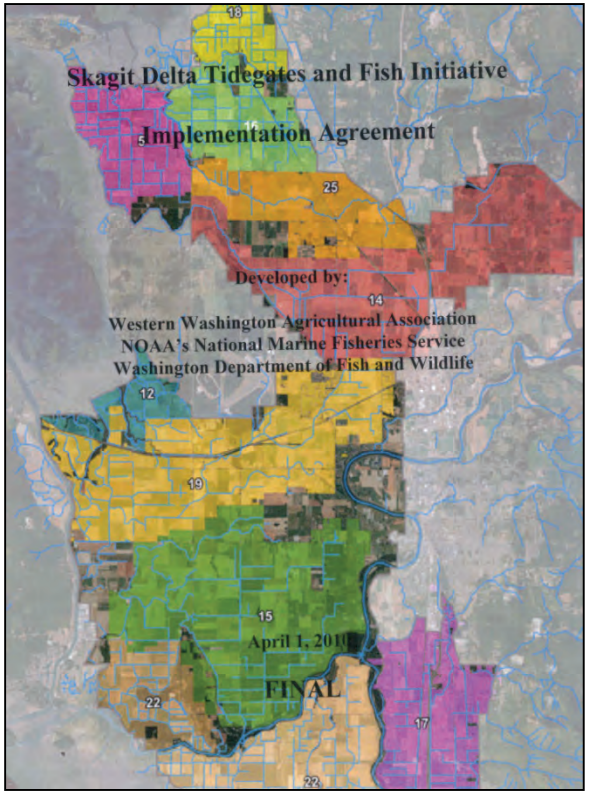
Why do people stay engaged?

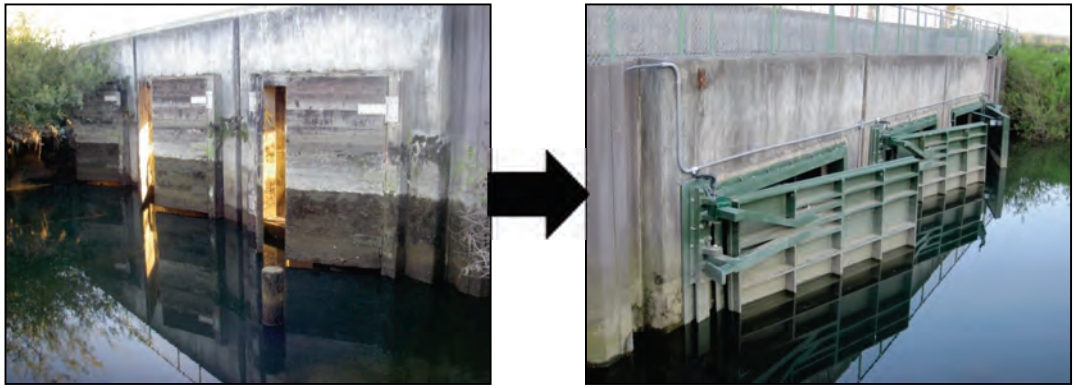
Farms, Fish and Floods Goals:

- *Restore Estuary Habitats and Functions in the Tidal Delta*
- *Reduce the Risk of Destructive Flooding*
- *Protect and Improve the Agricultural Land Base and Infrastructure*

Fisher Slough Goals:

- *restore freshwater tidal marsh*
- *improve fish passage*
- *improve flood storage capacity*





What are the challenges of a multi-stakeholder approach?

- Time, time, time
- Maybe more expensive
- Lots of hard, but important discussions

What are the benefits of a multi-stakeholder approach?

WIN!

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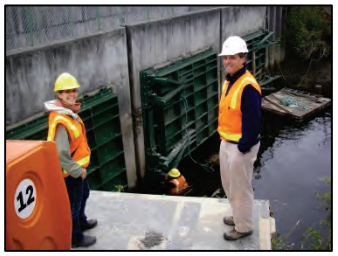
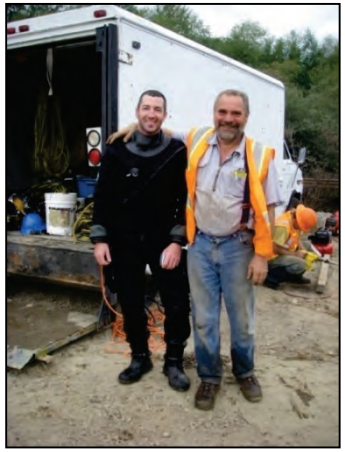


- More robust design
- Broader base of support
- Ability to access more funding sources
- Reduced risk and liability
- Long-term partnerships

WIN!



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