





Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area Conservation Action Plan (2012) Progress Tracker

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Progress Legend			
Color coding for each action:			
Needs refinement/consider relevance	No progress made; needs attention	Some progress made; not meeting targeted goals	Progress is on-track or complete

Conservation Target 2: Chinook Salmon. An iconic species in the Northwest, Puget Sound Chinook salmon were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1999. Port Susan is an important place for rearing juvenile Chinook to adapt to the saltwater and make their way to the Pacific Ocean. Two populations of Chinook salmon migrate back through Port Susan as adults, heading to the Stillaguamish River to spawn.					
Objective	Strategic Action	2012 Opportunity Rank	Opportunities to Support Progress	Actions Completed To-Date	Action Metrics (if applicable)
Objective 1: Remove all project area waters from the Clean Water Act 303(d) list for nutrients and prevent agrochemicals from entering project area waters by 2017.	Strategic Action 1: Snohomish Conservation District promotes a comprehensive approach to land management for farm owners to include agriculture, habitats and water quality BMPs that incorporates education, grant funds, and other resources or partners to implement BMPs by 2015.	Very high	Seek updates from Snohomish Clean Water District Advisory Board and Snohomish Conservation District	Discretionary Fund for projects that reduce fecal coliforms, Snohomish County Small project landowner incentives, Snohomish County Ag Resilience Plan, Snohomish Conservation District	<i>Number of farmers reached with comprehensive land management message. Number of farmers that implemented BMPs from comprehensive land management effort.</i>
	Strategic Action 2: Prevent introduction of priority commercial/residential landscaping chemicals into surface waters by 2015.	High	Seek updates from Snohomish Conservation District and Snohomish County/Camano Island ECO Net Consider seeking updates from Department of Agriculture and Department of Ecology		<i>Number of commercial and residential landowners applying landscaping chemicals. Level of top 3-5 chemicals in Mussel Watch samples.</i>
	Strategic Action 3: Increase landowner awareness of environmental stewardship as it relates to water quality through education and outreach partnership efforts.	High	Coordinate with Sustainable Land Strategy and future activities for Community Floodplain Solutions	Snohomish County Financing Options for Health Onsite Seward Systems (OSS) 2016 – 2017 Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction Program 2017 (PIC 1, PIC 2, PIC 3) Shellfish Dinners, Snohomish County	<i>Level of awareness of landowners about environmental stewardship as it relates to water quality.</i>

				Discretionary Fund projects including pet waste and outreach, Snohomish County Port Susan Owner's Manual, WSU Snohomish County Extension	
Objective 2: Encourage and/or maintain 90% of future growth in the lower Stillaguamish watershed within the Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) by 2020.	Strategic Action 1: Address vesting laws on lands critical for salmon through sun-setting or other mechanism by 2015.	Low-Medium	It is unlikely vesting laws will be revised		
	Strategic Action 2: Re-visit grandfathered non-conforming lots on Ag-10 zoned lands.	None			
	Strategic Action 3: Local governments develop incentive programs to encourage the maintenance of ecosystem goods and services (ex: flood storage, forest cover and clean water) by 2016.	High	Coordinate with <u>Snohomish County Planning and Development Services</u> Incentive program work is now more on the state level Encourage Snohomish County to use the Conservation Priority Index model to determine which parcels have highest value for the identified ecosystem services. Invite landowners to participate in the CPI incentive program	Discretionary Fund, Snohomish County SWM Small Projects Funds, Snohomish County Grants, Snohomish Conservation District	<i>Number of acres of forest in protected status through incentive program in Port Susan MSA.</i>
	Strategic Action 4: Outside of the UGA, limit future growth by making access to water utilities stricter by closing sensitive basins (where water rights are already over appropriated) to future exempt wells.	None	Consider seeking update from <u>Department of Ecology</u> regarding identification of sensitive basins. Water code to require connection to water systems when available. Q1 2023 potential adoption		
<i>Conservation Target Summary: Chinook salmon</i>					
	While some progress has been made and 3 out of 7 original strategic actions are underway, there is one strategic action without any progress. There was more progress on fish passage with two culverts addressed and over 1.7 miles of streams accessible to salmon, including juvenile Chinook.				

Progress icons indicating Conservation Target status:	
	On track; meeting or exceeding expected progress on objectives and actions
	Room for improvement; some progress made but more needed
	Little to no progress made; work to do in next 10 years

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