





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

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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 6: Shorebirds. Port Susan is one of only four sites in Puget Sound that regularly supports more than 20,000 shorebirds in a season. Some key species that are part of this conservation target include Dunlin, Western Sandpipers, and Least Sandpipers. None breed in Port Susan, but they respond to tidal cycles and use a variety of habitat types.					
Objective	Strategic Action	2012 Opportunity Rank	Opportunities to Support Progress	Actions Completed To-Date	Action Metrics (if applicable)
<b>Objective 1:</b> Maintain quality and quantity of mudflats and intertidal marsh by allowing habitat migration in the face of sea level rise (in perpetuity).	<b>Strategic Action 1:</b> Set back dikes in delta areas with failing infrastructure to restore a portion of delta habitat (overall goal is a minimum of 315 acres by 2016) and offer increased protection to agricultural lands.	Medium	Seek updates from <a href="#">Sustainable Lands Strategy</a>	Port Susan Bay Estuary Restoration Project, Port Susan Bay Preserve (2012, The Nature Conservancy Snohomish Co)	2012: 150 acres of estuary restored
				Livingston Bay Pocket Estuary Restoration (2012, The Nature Conservancy Island Co)	2012: 10 acres restored
	<b>Strategic Action 2:</b> Limit future development in floodplain migration area.	Medium	Seek updates from <a href="#">Stillaguamish Tribe</a> on current protection of floodplain area in Port Susan		Acres of land converted to development in floodplain.
<b>Objective 2:</b> By 2014, orchestrate local, State, and Federal response to mitigate unintended damages from spill response related impacts to intertidal habitats.	<b>Strategic Action 1:</b> Ensure that Snohomish and Island Counties have personnel or volunteers trained and coordinated in response in response tactics to the standards/levels of high risk spill areas.	Medium		Near-term action project (Chrys Bertolotto, WSU Ext Beach Watchers)  WSU recorded trainings  Snohomish MRC geographic response plan updates	Number of volunteers trained for readiness in the event of a major oil spill for Snohomish and Island Counties.
<i>Conservation Target Summary: Shorebirds</i>					
	There was progress on 2 of 3 strategic actions related to shorebirds. While shorebirds also benefit from the delta restoration efforts including setting back dikes, there hasn't been progress on limiting development in the floodplain.				

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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