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Wildlife Area Planning Overview

New Wildlife Area Plans Completed

Swanson Lakes and Revere
Scotch Creek & Sinlahekin
Klickitat
Oak Creek
Snoqualmie
Chelan
Mount St Helens
Blue Mountains
Sunnyside/Snake River
Scatter Creek
South Puget Sound



Purpose

- Sets vision (10 years)
- Considers public and stakeholder input
- Ensures lands are managed consistent with mission and funding obligations
- Identifies priority actions and plans for implementation
- Integrates fish, habitat and wildlife programs



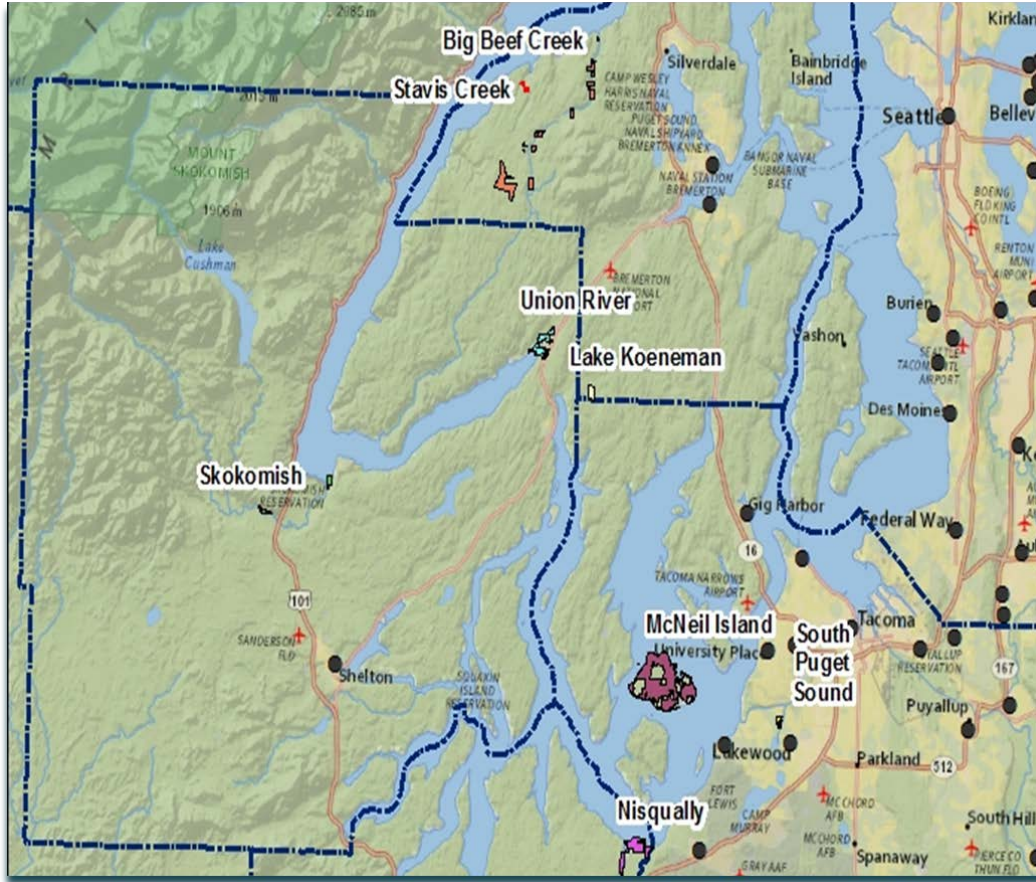


2022 South Puget Sound Wildlife Area Management Plan

VISION

WE ENVISION THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND WILDLIFE AREA AS AN EXAMPLE OF EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION IN AN URBAN SETTING THAT OFFERS IMPROVED ACCESS FOR ECOSYSTEM FRIENDLY PUBLIC RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

The South Puget Sound Wildlife Area consists of 5,790 acres on eight units in Mason, Thurston, Kitsap, Pierce counties.



Wildlife Area Advisory Committee

Name	Affiliation
Alan Billingsley	Neighbor - Lakewood
Wayne Chapin	Community member, hunting, fishing
Mary Dodsworth	City of Lakewood
Herb Gerhardt	Community member
Mendy Harlow	Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
Daniel Hull	Nisqually Reach Nature Center
Henry Mack	Washington Department of Corrections
Glynnis Nakai	USFWS – Nisqually Billy Frank Jr National Wildlife Refuge
John Riegsecker	Community member, birder
Elizabeth Rodrick	Black Hills Audubon Society
Dana Rosenbach	North Mason School District
Kurt Snyder	Washington Waterfowl Association



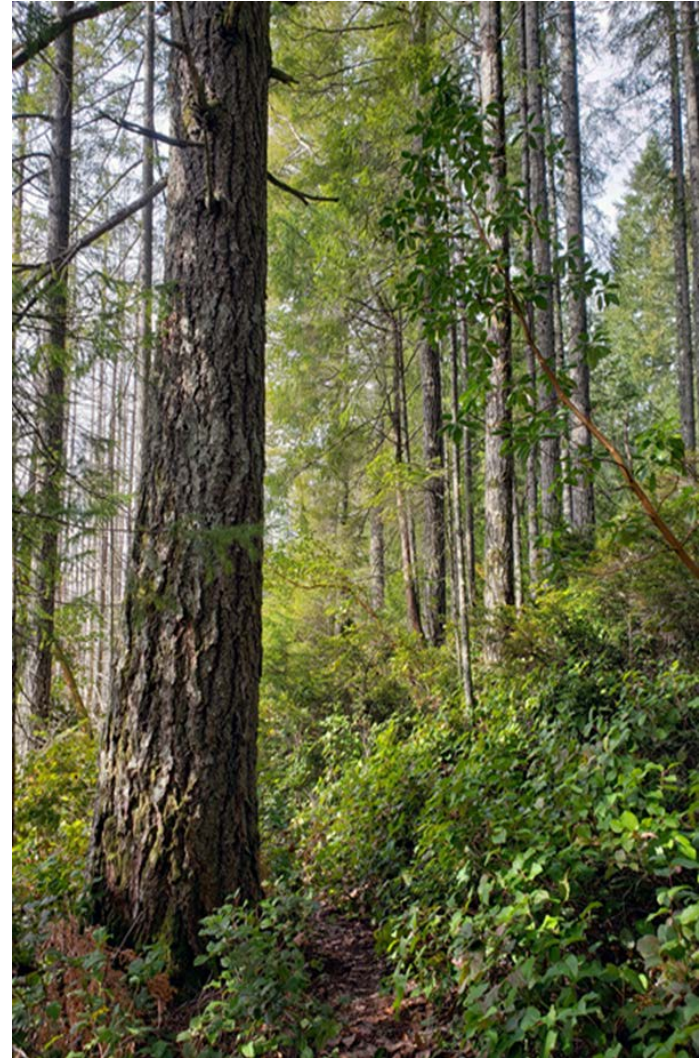
South Puget Sound Planning Team

14 members from Wildlife Program (*WLP Research*)

7 members from Habitat Program

2 members from Fish Program (*Shellfish*)

2 members from Enforcement



Public Comments

Black Hills Audubon

- Recreation planning
- Connectivity and acquisitions
- Coordination with tribes

Wildlife Diversity Advisory Council

"The diversity of plant and animal species, as well as the habitats, of this area may be one of the most complex in the state, and the fact that you've addressed them indicates to us the very good start on the plan that you and the advisory committee members, have made."



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Comments

- Resolve issues related to McAllister Creek Rd. access road easement (obj. 7K).
- Chambers Creek Trail system connection at SPS unit (obj. 7O).
- Continue to support the Nisqually Reach Nature Center (obj. 9C).
- Assess the need and feasibility for a new fishing pier/wildlife observation pier at Nisqually (obj. 9J).
- Theler purchase (Union Ri).



Success Stories

- Union River restoration and recreation
- Western pond turtle recovery
- Nisqually Reach Nature Center/National Wildlife Refuge Partnerships
- McNeil Island multiagency coordination and clean-up
- Big Beef Creek instream restoration



Focal Species

- Waterfowl
- Harbor seals
- Oregon spotted frog
- Western pond turtle
- Chinook salmon
- Chum salmon
- Steelhead
- Bull trout



Goals and Objective Topics

Protect and restore estuarine, nearshore, and riparian habitats.

- McNeil Island
- Union River
- Skokomish River
- Big Beef Creek
- Nisqually - Monitor eelgrass



Goals and Objective Topics

Maintain productive and positive working relationships with neighbors, partners, and permittees.

- Create urban wildlife centers at South Puget Sound and Union River units.
- Support Nisqually Reach Nature Center.
- Facilitate opportunities for outdoor education and engagement at the Union River Unit.



Fostering partnerships



Science driven



Questions?

