

## **Stakeholder Advisory Committee Role**

A stakeholder advisory group has been formed to advise and assist the WDFW and its associated consulting team on the Ebey Island Feasibility Study. The advisory committee includes representatives of the following entities: Cascade Land Conservancy, City of Everett, Coastal Conservation Association, Dike District #1, Ducks Unlimited, King County, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Pilchuck Audubon/Futurewise, Snohomish County, Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board, Snohomish Valley Tilth, Snohomish County YMCA, Stillaguamish/Snohomish Task Force, Tulalip Tribes, Washington State University Snohomish County Extension, and Wild fish Conservancy,

The stakeholder advisory group is critical to the project's success. Over the past decade, there has been extensive discussion and concern regarding land use decisions in Snohomish River Delta. Interest groups that have been actively engaged in that discussion have been invited to participate on the advisory group. The goal of the stakeholder advisory process is to ensure that all interests remain at the table and actively work on every element of the plan, so that the planning process is fully transparent, and so that it fully incorporates the needs, interests, opinions and perspectives of those who are most invested in its outcome. Stakeholder input will help ensure that the study provides a complete, accurate, and fair assessment of salmon habitat restoration feasibility along with associated economic, social, biological benefits/impacts.

Working over five meetings, the group is charged with the task of reviewing and providing recommendations at each phase of the consultant's team work. Specifically, the group will:

- Assist WDFW regarding consultant selection
- Provide a preliminary review of the project parameters to ensure that the consultant team is fundamentally embarking on the right path.
- Consider public input
- Review and comment on the drafts plans and supporting materials
- Work iteratively with the WDFW and the consultant team to select a preferred alternative for restoring salmon habitat.