Clallam County

Project Benefits

Twins Nearshore and West Twin – 216 Acres



Project Description

This property acquisition would enhance and ensure successful restoration at this site. Conservation of this property will protect over 2,800 linear feet of critical shoreline on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which is an important migratory corridor for salmon in the western Strait. It will also protect more than 16 acres of nearshore habitat, including eelgrass beds and surf smelt spawning beaches. In addition, there are 14,000 linear feet of riparian habitat on the west side of the West Twin River and its tributaries, which is one of the most important coho and steelhead systems in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The public will realize a long-term benefit from this property, which features a salt-water shoreline that is highly valued for recreational crabbing, smelt fishing, surfing, photography, and fossil hunting. The upland area is also used by local residents for hiking, trail running, dog walking, and public recreation. There is strong recreational potential for hunting waterfowl, deer, elk, bear, and other species.

Support

The North Olympic Land Trust, Coastal Watershed Institute, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Chapter, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and Makah Tribe

