## Project Description

This acquisition project will ensure that the parcel is available for a future habitat restoration project, which will limit risk of further development in this flood-prone area. WDFW already owns a significant portion of the Duckabush Estuary area and together with WSDOT plans to restore habitat. Infrastructure on this property will be removed to accommodate the project.

## Project Benefits

Restored tidal wetlands are highly productive habitats that support biodiversity and provide connectivity between the land and sea. Restored large river deltas provide valuable nursery habitat for threatened species of juvenile salmon, increasing their survival and supporting population recovery in Puget Sound. Hood Canal summer chum and Puget Sound Chinook (both ESA-listed species) are known to spend considerable time in estuaries during their life stages.

## Support

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, Hood Canal Coordinating Council