

# Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Pilot Project: Maulsby Saltmarsh

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### **Snohomish River Watershed (WRIA 7)**

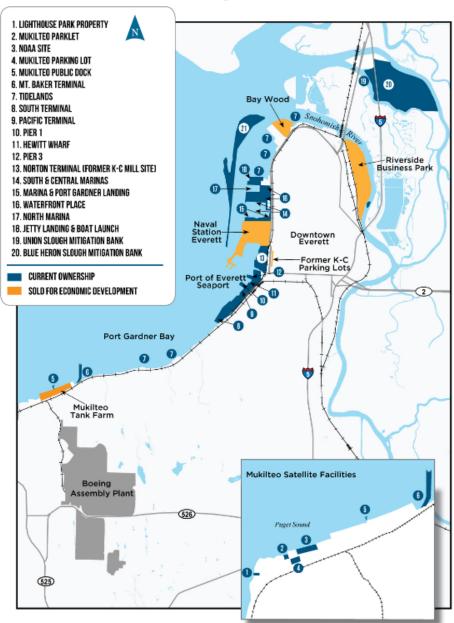
- ~1,850 square miles
- 2,718 miles of stream
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest basin draining to Puget Sound
- Produces between 25-50% of Coho Salmon in the Puget Sound.
- ~550,000 Tons of Suspended Sediment Annually



#### **Port of Everett Properties**

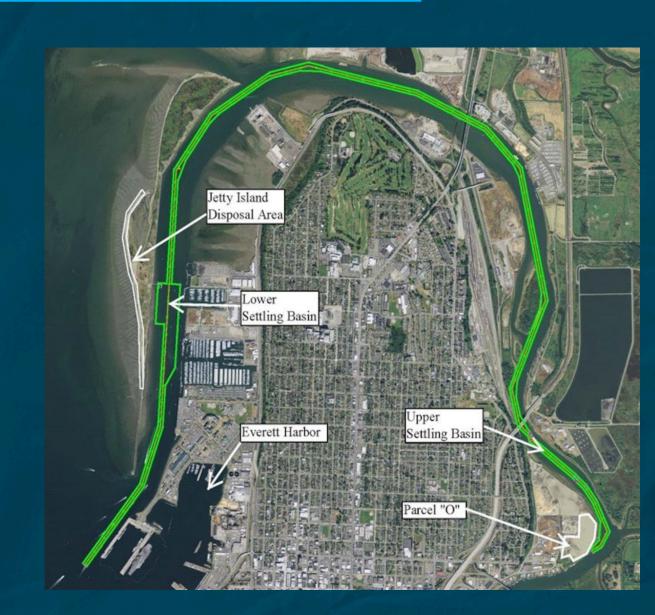
- 2,300 moorage slips
- **2** 10-lane boat launch
- International Seaport

#### **Port of Everett Properties and Facilities**



# **Corps Federal Navigation Channel**

- Consists of an Upper and Lower Settle Basin in addition to the main channel.
- Upper settling basin dredge material placed upland on Parcel "O" – beneficially reused.
- Lower settling basin + main channel primarily placed in open water disposal.



#### What Do We Know?

- In 2023, the Corps introduced a goal of achieving 70% beneficial reuse of dredge material by 2030 & most dredge material from the Snohomish River is disposed of in open water.
- Open water disposal is costly and often limits the volume of dredge material removed during maintenance dredging, impacting downstream Port facilities.
- Parcel O may not be a viable upland placement site in the near future.



# **Restoration Efforts in the Snohomish River Estuary**

- Snohomish River estuary restoration projects led by the Port of Everett, Snohomish County, state, and tribes in Snohomish County.
- Existing projects have focused on the sloughs, with limited restoration in mainstem, forcing juveniles to find the sloughs.
- Proposal area focuses on "last mile" rearing, foraging, resting area for juvenile salmon in mainstem (proposed project location outlined in yellow).



## Beneficial Use of Dredge Material Workgroup

#### Strategic Alignment of Key Stakeholders / Committee Members:

- Corps opportunity to help meet their goal of 70% of maintenance dredged material going to beneficial use
- US EPA, WDFW, DNR, ECY increased habitat value for salmonid recovery, and indirectly benefitting orca recovery
- <u>Tulalip Tribes</u> creation of habitat for salmonids to provide food source for orcas and support of culturally significant fishery
- City of Everett enhanced protection of City owned shoreline and SR 529 decreases maintenance costs; enhanced public access to shoreline for public benefit

# **Vision**

- Increase elevations sufficient to grow saltmarsh vegetation (increase habitat value)
- Soften existing armored shoreline
- Dissipate storm energy to reduce erosion and protect HWY 529
- Public access beach





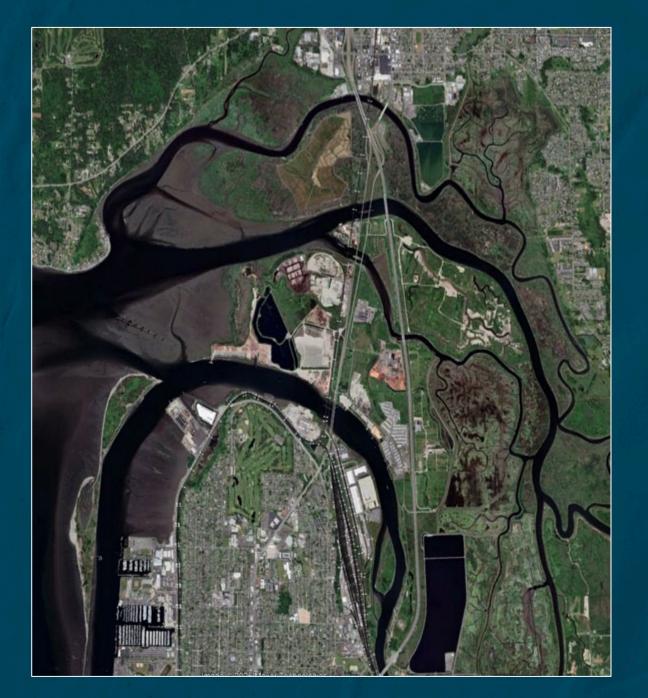






Figure 1: Overall conceptual plan for beneficial use of dredged material for Everett Salt Marsh habitat creation.

