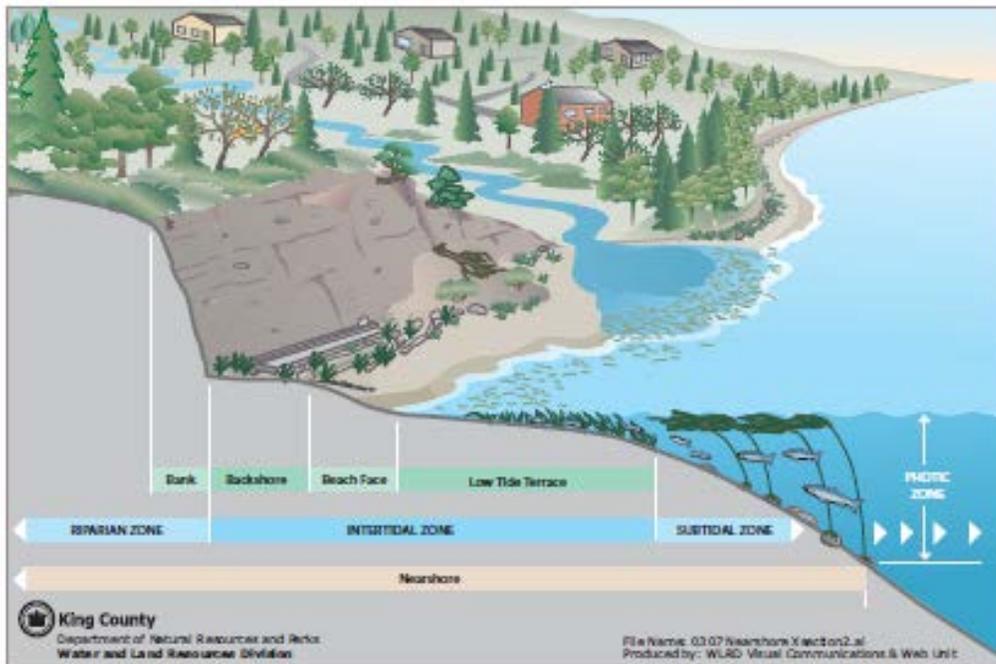


Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project



Nearshore ecosystem image from King County Department of Natural Resources

The Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project (PSNERP) is a partnership of federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private sector representatives. Led by the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) (Corps) and the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) (WDFW), PSNERP partners are working to identify significant nearshore ecosystem problems along the shores of Puget Sound, evaluate potential solutions, and design and implement actions to preserve and protect nearshore ecosystems to the benefit of fish, wildlife, plants, and the people of our region and beyond. In short, the Corps, WDFW, and others are working to advance a science-based approach to developing and prioritizing restoration projects and other conservation actions necessary to restore the health of Puget Sound's nearshore ecosystems.

Our office has been an active participant in the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project since its inception in 2002. We provide technical assistance to PSNERP, lending our expertise in coastal restoration and protection to this regional effort. We have also worked to align our investments with the strategic priorities identified by PSNERP. In 2010-2011, we utilized funds provided by EPA to develop and evaluate information necessary for future environmental compliance activities for the 36 projects currently being developed by PSNERP. This work included Level 1 environmental contaminants surveys, cultural resources investigations, and endangered species information, important areas of USFWS expertise. In the future, we anticipate continuing to provide technical and financial assistance to advance projects developed through the PSNERP process which overlap the mission of the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the objectives of the Puget Sound Coastal Program. The USFWS recognizes the benefit of aligning its capabilities to advance regional priorities in cooperation with its many partners in coastal ecosystem conservation.

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