

## **Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association Suggestions for work along the waterfront**

- Restoration of Little Squalicum Creek and its estuary. Look at fish passage and WQ issues.
- Restoration of Squalicum Creek Estuary - review options put forth by Anchor Environmental in study commissioned by Port. Fix fish passage problem at mouth of creek. Look at re-building estuary functions. Look at "Eldridge Springs" connectivity where Roeder and Squalicum Parkway come together.
- Restoration of Whatcom Creek Estuary.
- Work with NSEA and Bellingham Tech College to enhance hatchery operations,
- Continue to make Maritime Heritage Park area a focal point to build out from, integrating education, restoration, fishing and art.
- Support better funding of existing efforts, including Marine Life Tank.
- Restoration of Padden Creek Estuary, including plans to release sediment from behind RR tracks (Army Corps has new methods).
- Restoration of Post Point lagoon, fix problem with RR tracks.
- Restoration of Chuckanut Creek Estuary, including plans to release sediment from behind RR tracks.
- Non-native invasive plant control in all projects to prevent further spread and to eradicate current problems.
- Look at locations to remove/remediated bank hardening along bay, such as is being done at Marine Park.
- Consider impacts of Nooksack River sediment deposits along waterfront in planning.
- Include all co-managers of salmon resource in process, including Nooksack Tribe, Lummi Nation, and WDFW's.
- Consider work of the Marine Resources Committee.
- Integrate partners from the Nooksack Recovery Team.
- Work with City and County to coordinate near shore Salmon Recovery Planning and implementation projects relation to near shore habitat issues.
- Address water quality issues in estuaries if all creek that run into Bay--Little Squalicum, Squalicum, Whatcom, Padden, Chuckanut Creeks.
- Define projects for NSEA and others to start implementing as soon as possible.
- Work with Burlington Northern on RR Track management issues.
- Need better kayak launch and storage area, see Port of Olympia for a good example.
- Create a place for fishers to sell products -"Fisher's Wharf".
- Education about shellfish harvest at designated locations around bay.
- Integrate Education, restoration, art as a continuous piece of planning.
- Encourage WWU movement to the downtown and waterfront direction.

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