The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) provides funding and technical assistance to organizations working to restore shoreline and nearshore habitat critical to salmon and other fish species in Puget Sound. The program is managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the state Recreation and Conservation Office and the Puget Sound Partnership.

Through a strategic, science-based selection process, the program advances efforts to recover regional salmon populations by ensuring restoration projects address essential fish habitat, such as shorelines, estuaries and bays. This approach is key to restoring the health of Puget Sound.

Benefits of habitat restoration include:

• **Creating local jobs** – Every $1 million invested in restoration and protection programs, such as ESRP, results in an average of 17 jobs and more than $3 million in economic activity. (OFM, 2015)

• **Building resilient coastlines** – Natural shorelines serve as buffers for coastal communities, providing protection from the effects of climate change, such as increased flooding and rising sea levels.

• **Investing in communities** – Healthy ecosystems provide sustainable fish and shellfish populations that support recreational and commercial fishing industries important to the economies of coastal communities throughout Puget Sound.

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## Restoration and Protection Projects—2015 Ranked List & Available Funding

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Restored tidal channels of the Skokomish River Delta