Why focus on the Puget Sound nearshore?

Benefits of a healthy nearshore

- Many local cultural, recreational, and commercial needs are dependent on a healthy nearshore.
- Our national identity is strongly linked to many iconic symbols supported by the Puget Sound nearshore.
- The local seafood industry supports 67,000 jobs and produces over $8 billion in sales annually.
- Natural recreation-based tourism provides $9.2 billion in economic activity each year.

Opportunities provided by the nearshore

- Provide shoreline access
- Enjoy seafood
- Hunt waterfowl
- Kayak the shoreline
- Recharge mind, body, and spirit
- Inspire future generations
- Harvest fish and shellfish
- Birdwatch