

## LAND ACQUISITION



A key element of Skagit County's Salmon Recovery Program is the acquisition of existing pristine salmon habitat. This coincides with the Skagit Watershed Council's strategy to "protect the best first."

Skagit County has partnered with various government, private, and non-profit groups to identify parcels suitable for purchase, lease, or easements. These acquisitions connect existing protected properties or provide protection in key areas of the watershed. Over four hundred acres are currently slated for acquisition. Additional acreage will be obtained annually.

### *Benefits*

- Protects existing key salmon habitat.
- Achieves cost effective method of habitat protection.
- Procures contiguous parcels that lead to large, continuous, undeveloped stretches of key salmon habitat.

### *List of Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) preferred acquisition properties:*

Savage Slough  
Hurn Field  
Martin Slough  
Mix Master/Fly Bar  
Lower Suiattle  
Ray Johnson Creek  
Tom Moore Slough

### *List of ALEA proposed alternative acquisition properties:*

Butterfield  
Brown  
Wood/Gamble  
Fisher Slough  
Hudson



*Hurn Field*

### **Watershed**

Skagit (WRIA 03 & 04)

### **Cost**

\$1,214,000

### **Revenue**

\$607,000 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account  
\$420,000 Salmon Recovery Funding Board  
\$187,000 Partnership matches

### **Partners**

Skagit County  
Skagit Watershed Council  
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
The Nature Conservancy  
United States Forest Service  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Skagit Land Trust  
Skagit System Cooperative  
Seattle City Light

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