MARINE PARK public access [Project Leader: Port of Bellingham] South Bell

Converted to gently sloping beach









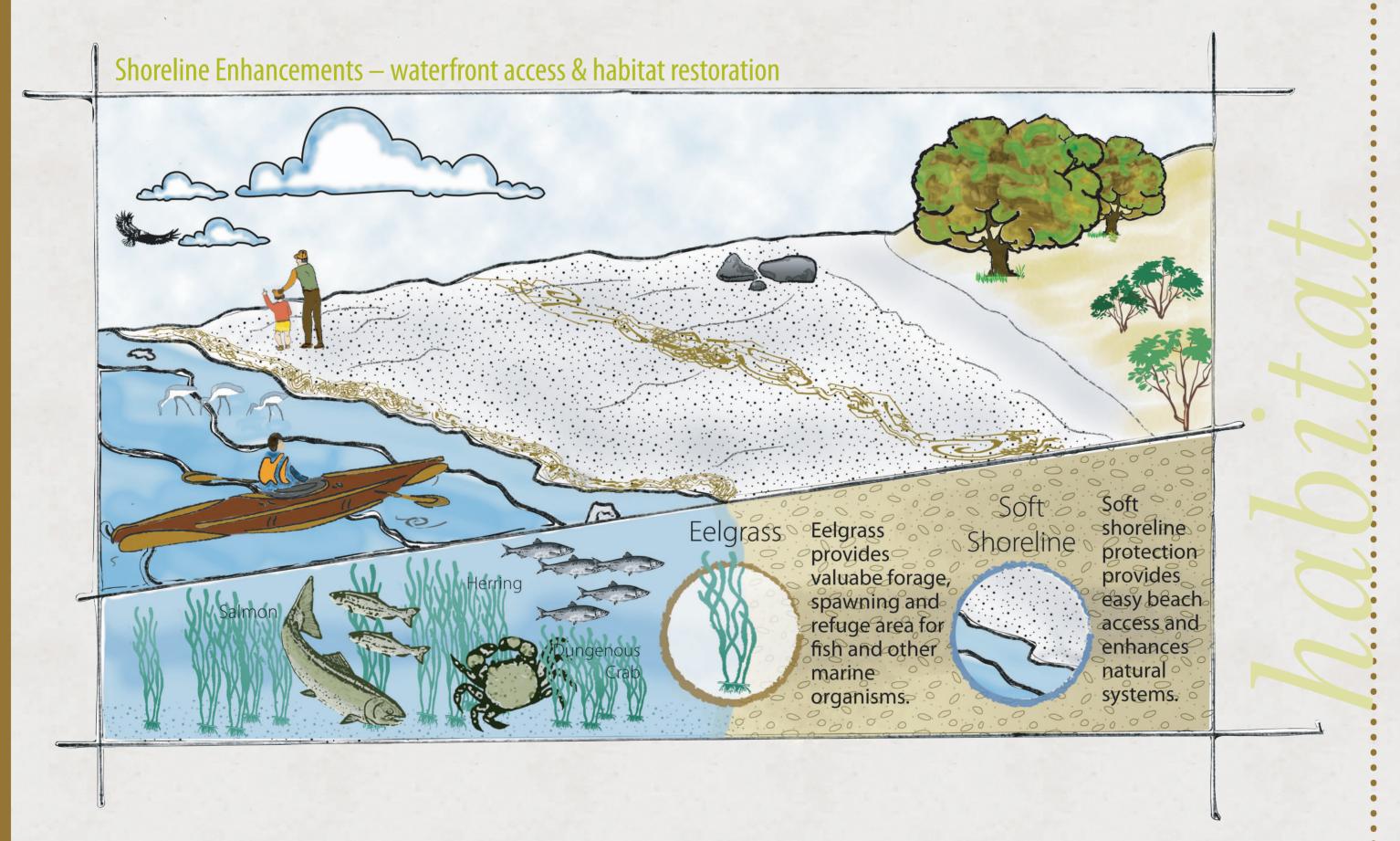


The new sand and cobble beach at Marine Park improves public access to the water and provides valuable habitat functions for a wide range of wildlife including Endangered chinook salmon.

BELLINGHAM BAY DEMONSTRATION

A cooperative approach for integrating sediment cleanup, habitat restoration, source control, and land use on the waterfront.

Reconnecting tideflats and eelgrass beds -Critical habitats for salmon recovery



PUBLIC ACCESS

- Removed 5,600 tons of concrete rubble and rock from the shoreline
- · Built a 300-foot wide gently sloping sand and cobble beach
- Improved public access to the water
- Enhanced scenic enjoyment

HABITAT RESTORATION

- · Re-established habitat important to salmon, shellfish, birds, marine mammals, and other marine life
- Linked tidal flats and eelgrass beds, providing critical habitats for salmon recovery

OPPORTUNITY

Completed Projects

Marine Park public access, habitat restoration



Holly Street cleanup, source control, habitat restoration, public access



Taylor Avenue Dock source control, public access



Georgia-Pacific Log Pond



Weldcraft (cleanup



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Stakeholder Team:

City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, Lummi Nation, Nooksack Tribe, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, WA Dept. of Natural Resources, WA Dept. of Transportation, Puget Sound Action Team, NOAA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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