

THE NISQUALLY REACH AQUATIC RESERVE

Beyond this viewing platform to the designated in 2012 by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to preserve the unique habitats and species in the area. The reserve covers 23 square miles of state-owned aquatic lands—about the size of the island of Manhattan.



would like to thank the Nisqually Reach Nature Center for

nominating and continuing to support this site

as an Aquatic Reserve.

The Washington State Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) and Puget SoundCorps staff help Nisqually

Chinook salmon back to the lab to determine age and diet.

Indian Tribe employees haul in a beach seine net used to safely catch fish

and then releases them back into the water. They take a few juvenile

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in the aquatic reserve. The team measures the fish, tallies the number of species,









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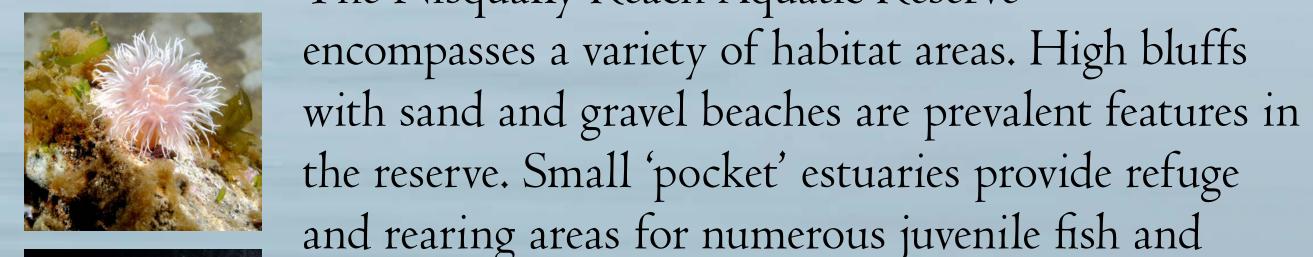


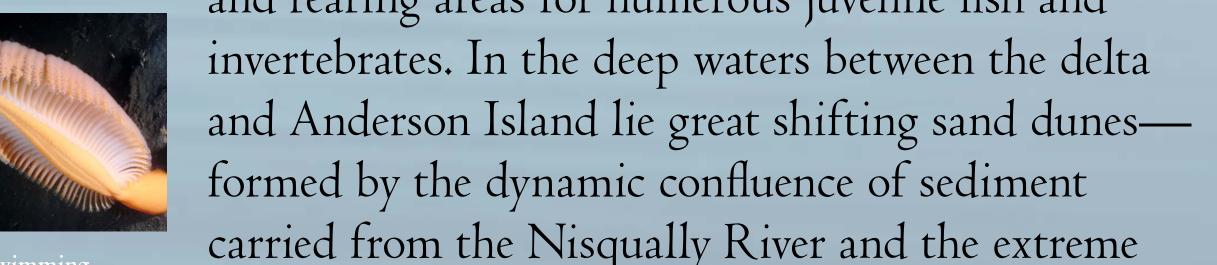
Protecting Unique Habitats in the South Puget Sound

including: Pigeon Guillemots and Red-throated Loons,

Chinook salmon and pile perch, harbor seals, and river

otters, and Dungeness crabs and glassy sea squirts.





tidal exchanges in the South Sound. Shallow subtidal and lower intertidal areas support eelgrass and a large variety of seaweed. These habitats provide a permanent or migratory home to a wide range of bird, fish, mammal and invertebrate species

Nisqually Delta and Reach The Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve encompasses a variety of habitat areas. High bluffs

Aquatic Reserve is part of a broade the Nisqually Reach area, including the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. The Nisqually Indian Tribe and the Nisqually Land Trust also manage adjacent lands for conservation and protection. Together, these connected lands add up to more than 28 square miles, which have been set aside to preserve and restore this area's distinctive habitat qualities and the species they support.

Connecting the

Preserving a Unique Ecosystem

The river estuary, tidal flats, small bays, high bluffs, and variety of beaches provide a rich diversity of habitat for the numerous species of wildlife including salmon—that depend on this ecosystem.

