

# PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

## HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

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**Property / Client Name:** WA Harbor Restoration: Construction Phase, 11-1333  
**Worksite Name/Number:** Estuary Roadway/Restoration Site (Worksite 1 of 1)  
**Funding Agency:** Rec. and Conserv. Office

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### Funding Agency:

**Organization** Rec. and Conserv. Office  
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### PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED

(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)

#### Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

By removing two 6-foot culverts and 600 feet of roadway, this project will restore fish passage into 37 acres of crucial pocket estuary habitat in WA Harbor, a 118-acre barrier estuary replete with estuarine marsh, eelgrass meadows, and tide flats. WA Harbor is superbly located in the nearshore migration corridor of ESA-listed, resurgent summer chum populations from nearby Jimmycomelately Creek (5 miles away) and Salmon/Snow Creeks (16 miles away) in Sequim, WA, Clallam County. Following extensive ecosystem restoration work in these systems, it is now imperative to restore historic pocket estuary habitat in WA Harbor to provide prime foraging habitat for these salmon during their early stage of marine migration. Dungeness and Elwha River Chinook are also expected to use and benefit from the restored habitat. A 1,300-foot long roadway, equipped with just two 6-foot culverts, crosses WA Harbor and disrupts salmon access, tidal hydrology and habitat forming processes in the estuary's northern 37 acres. This area historically provided the finest tidal marsh and eelgrass habitat in the estuary. The impact of the roadway appears to have destroyed the eelgrass beds and evidence indicates that the estuary marsh has been deprived of sediment and is eroding. The project will eliminate the roadway's impacts and restore fish passage, tidal hydrology and habitat forming processes in this magnificent pocket estuary.

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#### Describe existing project site conditions.

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Washington Harbor (WA Harbor) is a 118-acre barrier estuary containing estuarine marshes and eelgrass meadows that are superb, productive nearshore habitat for a variety of species, especially Chinook and chum salmon. The estuary lies 5 miles along the marine migration corridor of ESA-listed Hood Canal/Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum salmon from Sequim Bay's Jimmycomelately (JCL) Creek, where a highly successful \$7.5 million portfolio ecosystem restoration project was completed. At the project site a 1,300-foot long roadway, equipped with just two 6-foot culverts, crosses WA Harbor and disrupts habitat connectivity, tidal hydrology and habitat forming processes in the estuary's northern 37 acres. This area historically provided the finest tidal marsh and eelgrass habitat in the estuary. The roadway was built in the 1960's as a location to place the City of Sequim's sewer outfall line, which was being extended across WA Harbor, Gibson Spit and into the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

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**Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra**

Heavy equipment will be used to excavate 600 feet of roadway, along with the two undersized culverts and the City of Sequim's sewer line, where they cross WA Harbor's unvegetated tide flat. The sewer line will then be replaced deep under the tide flat. Access to Gibson Spit and the remainder of the sewer line and outfall will be restored by constructing a 600-foot bridge.

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**Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>**

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series  
USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.  
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

### Worksite Location (identified with star):

Address: None.

Township: 30N  
Range: 03W  
Section: 22

City:  
County: Clallam  
Latitude: 48.09  
Longitude: -123.05

