



Effective Estuary Restoration Symposium

Restoring ecological functions for multi-species benefits

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
9:00AM - 12:00PM Pacific time
Virtual format

9:00	Welcome and background - <i>Todd Zackey, Tulalip Tribes</i>
9:10	<p>Setting the stage for large-scale, multi-benefit restoration</p> <p>Scaling estuarine restoration and adaptation: the role of social and institutional factors in San Francisco Bay – <i>Jeremy Lowe, San Francisco Institute</i></p>
9:30	<p><i>If not fish...</i></p> <p><i>Considering birds during fish habitat restoration – Laura Farwell, Pacific Birds</i></p> <p><i>Fish and bird habitat restoration on Leque Island and Camano Island – CK Eidim, Ducks Unlimited</i></p> <p><i>Beaver in tidal wetlands: the necessity of natural history – Greg Hood, Skagit River System Cooperative</i></p> <p><i>Living shorelines for coastal resilience: a combined oyster - eelgrass restoration approach – Kaysha Kenney, Orange County Coastkeeper</i></p>
10:50	BREAK
10:55	<p>Thinking outside the box (creative partnerships & alternative methods to enhance ecological function)</p> <p>Beneficial use of dredge spoil – TBD</p> <p>Habitat restoration and flood control, Kermit Creek Restoration – <i>Matt Swanson, Curry Soil & Water Conservation District</i></p> <p>Pajaro Estuary restoration: rebuilding a resilient landscape – <i>Bryan Largay, Land Trust of Sant Cruz</i></p>
11:55	Wrap up and next steps - <i>Todd Zackey, Tulalip Tribes</i>

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Jump-starting process-based restoration

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9:00	Welcome and background - <i>Todd Zackey, Tulalip Tribes</i>
9:10	<p>Process-based restoration considerations</p> <p>Jumpstarting fluvial and tidal processes in estuaries – <i>Correigh Greene, Skagit River System Cooperative</i></p> <p>Restoring tidal swamps -- practical restoration ecology – <i>Laura Brophy, Estuary Technical Group, Institute of Applied Ecology</i></p> <p>Beaver in tidal wetlands: implications for restoration – <i>Greg Hood, Skagit River System Cooperative</i></p>
10:05	<p>Restoration case studies</p> <p>Implementing process based restoration: lessons learned from the Wasson Creek restoration project - <i>Alice Yaetes, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve</i></p> <p>Restoring self-sustaining off-channel habitat in the Smith River Estuary – <i>Monica Scholey, Smith River Alliance and Dylan Caldwell, Stillwater Sciences</i></p>
10:40	BREAK
10:55	<p>Restoration case studies (continued)</p> <p>Love letters to salmon: stories of process-based restoration in the Stillaguamish Delta – <i>Emily Howe, The Nature Conservancy</i></p> <p>Healing the ecotone: community-driven restoration of Batiquitos Lagoon’s upland edge – <i>David Bohmer, WildCoast</i></p> <p>Designing considerations and case studies for shoreline restoration in Washington State – <i>Jessica Cote, Blue Coast</i></p>
11:45	PMEP’s estuary restoration online resources - <i>Joan Drinkwin, PMEP</i>
11:55	Wrap up and next steps - <i>Todd Zackey, Tulalip Tribes</i>

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