



*Existing and proposed beach restoration work on Weaverling Spit, Anacortes, WA.*

In the fall of 2009, The Samish Indian Nation worked with landowners and contractors to restore 550 feet of eroding shoreline with an engineered soft shore protection and habitat enhancement design referred to as Phase 1. In 2012, 550 feet more were constructed in Phase 2. The objectives of the projects were to protect a registered archeological site, enhance forage fish spawning habitat, restore riparian vegetation (shade), and reduce impacts of sea level rise and more frequent and intense storm activity. Project oversight was completed by the Samish Indian Nation for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 3 of the project will take place along the adjacent 660 feet of shoreline southeast of the Phase 2 area. Phase 3 is currently in final design and permitting stages with construction scheduled to begin during the latter part of the summer of 2016. These projects combined funding from numerous sources including funding managed by the Skagit MRC from the Skagit Restoration Initiative for Phase 2 and the upcoming Phase 3 as well as a grant from the NW Straits Foundation through the Shell Corporation utilized as partial funding for Phase 1.