Our shared vision for thriving kelp forests in Puget Sound

Vibrant kelp forests are vital to the health of Puget Sound and Salish Sea. They provide critical refuge, feeding, and nursery grounds for forage fish, rockfish, and salmon, as well as fueling food webs that support healthy bird and marine mammal populations—including Southern Resident killer whales. Mounting evidence points to significant local declines of kelp forests throughout Puget Sound. In response to these widespread concerns, the Puget Sound Kelp Conservation and Recovery Plan provides a research and management framework for a coordinated and collaborative approach to protecting and restoring kelp forests of Puget Sound. We envision revitalized Puget Sound kelp forests stretching from Olympia to Vancouver, B.C. providing economic, recreational, and ecological benefits to all living things that call these shores and waters home.



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