

The Forage Fish Habitat Suitability Index provides an estimate of the suitability of a given site for forage fish spawning. The estimate is based on the quality of functional habitat and the degree of shoreline modification at that site. An index score of 30 or higher is very likely to support spawning habitat (Anchor 2001).

The forage fish spawn sample site data for Whatcom County are WDFW data from 1990 to 2006.

Maps created for NWStraits from Anchor and WDFW data Nov 2008 by Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (SShull).

### Whatcom County Forage Fish Spawn Data

- Spawn Site
- No Spawn Found
- Herring Holding Areas
- Herring Spawning Areas

### Habitat Suitability

- Very High (56 - 95)
- High (31 - 55)
- Moderate (11 - 30)
- Low (-14 to -10)
- Very Low (-55 to -15)

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Miles

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Kilometers

1:100,000

