

REAUTHORIZATION

NW Straits Initiative

empowers local people with economic, recreational and environmental interests to engage in projects and advisory activities that maintain marine resources for the benefit of their communities.

We seek permanent reauthorization of the Initiative

to continue critical marine resources work that puts the interests of local communities first.

Supported by all seven Northwest Washington county elected governments representing a population of over 1.4 million people



The Northwest Straits region includes Clallam, Island, Jefferson, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties and their adjoining inland marine waters.



AT-A-GLANCE

The NW Straits Region contributes to the:

16,000

jobs in WA state's commercial and recreational fishing industries

\$150

million in estimated economic output for WA state's aquaculture industry

NW Straits Initiative contributed to the:

1,800

invasive European green crabs captured, and more than 25,000 trap sets helping to protect shellfish economies

Removal and prevention of **60+**

derelict boats, disposed through vessel turn-in events, providing local residents with an affordable solution



BENEFITS OF THE NORTHWEST STRAITS INITIATIVE

CITIZEN DRIVEN MARINE RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

- Inspiring local citizens of the Pacific Northwest to get involved in sustainable use and conservation of marine resources.
- We support local Marine Resources Committees in northwest Washington that **empower bottom-up engagement** and cross-sector collaboration.
- We **protect economically and recreationally important native species** by combating invasive species and restoring habitat.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS FOR RURAL ECONOMIES

- Northwest Straits Initiative **builds connections between local communities and the work of agencies** and Tribal co-managers.
- **We amplify local impacts** by connecting and convening partners across counties, agencies, NGOs, Tribes, ports and marine-based businesses.
- Our work **benefits marine industries** and rural businesses that rely on a healthy Puget Sound.

LEVERAGING FEDERAL DOLLARS

We leverage federal funds with volunteer time as well as state, and county dollars **to magnify our impacts** on local engagement, job creation, and marine resources stewardship.



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