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Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Phase 2

Snohomish County worked with partner agencies to find and clean up sources of bacterial pollution in the Lower Stillaguamish River basin west of I-5. Bacterial pollution from improperly managed onsite sewage systems, livestock manure, and pet waste in the Lower Stillaguamish area threatens tribal, commercial, and recreational shellfish harvesting and other beneficial uses of the Stillaguamish River and estuary.



WHAT WE DID

The primary activities of this project include:

- ✓ Collected 233 water quality samples
- ✓ Presented at 15 outreach events
- ✓ Worked with 5 vet clinics on pet waste outreach
- ✓ Conducted 32 free technical assistance site visits to local livestock landowners
- ✓ Held 5 inter-agency collaboration meetings



WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT

This project is one of the ways that Snohomish County implements its Shellfish Protection Program and supports the Shellfish Strategic Initiative of the Puget Sound Action Agenda for reducing bacterial pollution.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Landowners and residents within the Lower Stillaguamish PIC Phase 2 project area can help protect and restore water quality by preventing bacterial pollution from improperly managed on-site septic systems, livestock manure, and pet waste. Technical assistance and financial incentives are available to help people implement best management practices.

ABOUT SNOHOMISH COUNTY SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

Snohomish County helps to safeguard public health and the environment through its Surface Water Management (SWM) stormwater utility by helping people fix drainage problems, clean up water pollution, and improve aquatic habitat.

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