

**Pacific Northwest Salmon Center  
Belfair, Washington**

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| Landscape Architect: | Bruce Dees & Associates             |
| Client:              | Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group |
| Architect:           | Miller Hull Partnership             |
| Engineer:            | ESA                                 |



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

South Hood Canal, where the Pacific Northwest Salmon Center is located, is suffering from low (dissolved) oxygen content that threatens Wild Salmon populations. The Center is dedicated to combat this serious issue. This project will provide the public with a facility that showcases the methods necessary to support and sustain healthy Salmon habitat through a diverse group of partners.

The Center's master plan was influenced by key environmental data including hydrological modeling based upon historical high tide elevations dating back to the 1800's. The Center's framework is centered on the following four critical strategies:

- **Education:** A comprehensive environmental research and learning center, partnering with institutions of higher learning to provide a distinctive environmental sustainability resource serving the Pacific Northwest.
- **Science:** Leadership in using the best applied science as the foundation for policy and management decisions that affect Wild Salmon and their habitat, as well as the preservation of the Hood Canal ecosystem.
- **Interpretation:** Interactive demonstrations throughout the site of natural processes.
- **Stewardship:** Educating the public on how people can coexist with nature to maintain high quality habitat for future generations.

The social focus of the Center's regional target audience includes school groups, families with children, day trippers and state park visitors.

JURY COMMENTS

This project solves many environmental and habitat problems in the Hood Canal through a thorough analysis and understanding of the site. The jurors appreciated the multi-use solutions that provided for habitat improvements, estuary restoration, storm water treatment, public access and educational programs. The jury commends the landscape architect for the sensitive approach to the site, and its linkages to other open spaces.

