

Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Department
Pilchuck River Dam Project
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Reconnecting
 Critical Habitat



Project's Goal

In June of 2018, the Tulalip Tribes and the City of Snohomish finalized an agreement to work together to restore the Pilchuck River. The City of Snohomish owns a diversion dam that was previously operated for city drinking water withdrawals, but is no longer in use. The dam is a barrier to iconic and culturally important fish species including Chinook salmon, Coho salmon and Steelhead. Dam removal will restore natural river conditions with mutual benefits to fish, Tulalip, the city of Snohomish and other stakeholders in the area.

Project Timeline



PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

37
 miles of salmon
 habitat restored

1/3
 of the Pilchuck River
 opened for
 salmon access

50
 landowners protected
 from flooding

\$2M
 full project cost—including
 analyses, designs, permitting,
 outreach, and deconstruction



Monitoring

The Tulalip Tribes, in collaboration with USGS, will be conducting intensive pre- and post-dam removal monitoring, primarily within the first year post-dam removal.

To help ensure that the project evolves as expected, monitoring will include river elevation surveys, river sediment monitoring, water quality monitoring, and photographic monitoring. Monitoring equipment will include staff gauges, pressure transducers, and cameras and will be installed primarily along the south bank of the river.

Contact

Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions:

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Originating in the Cascade Range, the 40-mile Pilchuck River joins the Snohomish River before emptying into the Puget Sound.



“ For over 100 years, the waters of the Pilchuck were restricted by this dam, allowing only some fish to pass. The removal of the dam is a great step toward the ultimate goal of recovering salmon and sustaining tribal fishing culture for future generations. ”

— Teri Gobin
Tulalip Tribal Chairwoman

PROJECT PARTNERS

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