Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve Management Plan Update 2020-2023

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Aquatic Reserves Program

- Designated for 90 year term
- Created to promote the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of state-owned aquatic lands
- Eight Current Reserves

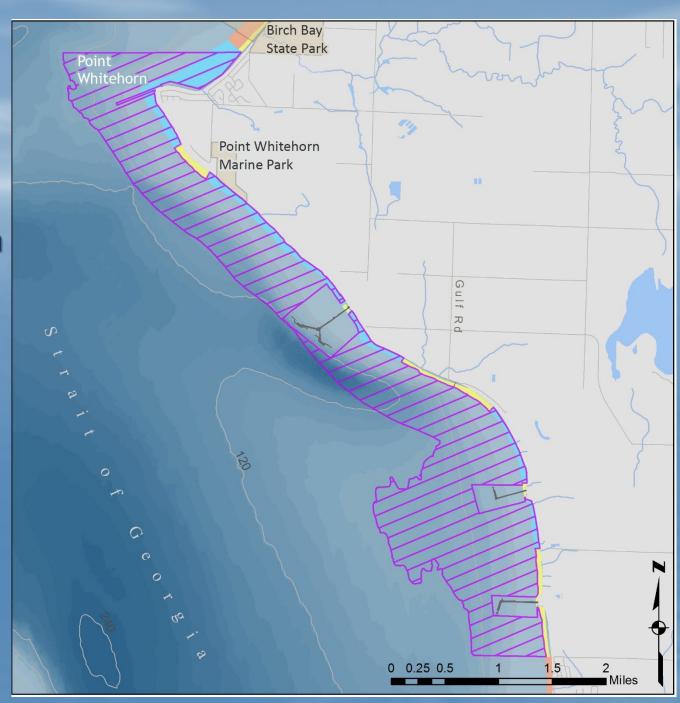






Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve

- Draft 2023 management plan update posted on line, available for comment
- First plan completed 2012
- Reserve is currently 3050
 acres following inclusion of
 GPT cutout



CPAR Implementation Committee

- Next Meeting on May 25
- Advisory to DNR
- Participates in management plan development
- Broad range of stakeholders, community members, tribes
- Role of the committee described in Chapter 6. Implementation Guidance

Primary Features of Plan Update

- Many updates to all chapters and new information in appendices
- New chapter 4 on "Progress Toward Plan Goals"
 - Contains chart with progress for each goal
- Chapter 5 Management Guidance:
 - Significant revision of goals, objectives and actions
 - Make strategies realistic, achievable, and fewer

Appendices

- Appendix A: Site Characteristics (in great detail)
- Appendix B: (New) Observed Species list
- Appendix C: Maps all the maps are here:
 - Ownership, eelgrass, forage fish, herring, vessel transit,
 zoning, monitoring locations, substrates
- Appendix D: Existing encumbrances abutting the reserve
- Appendix E: History of Land Use
- Appendix F: Two year work plan
- Appendix G: Commissioners' Withdrawal Order

Cherry Point Citizen Stewardship Committee supports the reserve

Family at "What's the Point" low tide event

Citizen scientists monitor seastars (intertidal, and birds)





Larval Herring and Dungeness crab light trap research in coordination with Lummi Natural Resources

