

## FY 2015 NWPG Measure Definitions Puget Sound

Measure Code: PS-SP49.N11



**Measure Language:** Improve water quality and enable the lifting of harvest restrictions in acres of shellfish bed growing areas impacted by degraded or declining water quality. (cumulative from FY 2006)

**Type of Measure:** Target measure; cumulative measure

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### Measure Definition

**Terms and phrases:** Harvest restrictions are defined through a Growing Area Classification Program described at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/sf/grow.htm>

**Methodology for computation of results:** Acres are based on monitoring and status determinations made by the Washington Department of Health. Results may include acres affected by National Estuary Program or Section 319 Nonpoint Source grants.

**Units:** Acres

**Universe:** Total acres of commercial shellfish bed growing areas had harvest restrictions due to water quality impairments in Puget Sound.

**Baseline:** Acres of approved commercial shellfish bed growing areas at a point in time (FY 2007)



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Measure Code: PS-SP 51

**Measure Language:** Protect and restore acres of tidally- and seasonally-influenced estuarine wetlands. (cumulative starting in FY 2006)

**Type of Measure:** Target Measure; cumulative measure

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#### Measure Definition

##### Terms and phrases:

- *Protect* refers to preserving areas through acquisition, conservation easements, deed restrictions, etc.
- *Restore* refers to the return of habitat to a close approximation of its prior condition.

**Methodology for computation of results:** Acres are based on monitoring and status determinations made by the Puget Sound Partnership. EPA conducts a Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) of the data to ensure its accuracy before entering it into the National Estuary On-line Reporting Tool (NEPORT) database. Results may include acres affected by National Estuary Program or Wetlands Program grants. Some of the acres reported under this measure are a subset of those reportable

under Strategic Plan Sub-objective 4.3.2., which encompasses all 28 estuaries in the National Estuary Program.

**Units:** Acres

**Universe:** Total acres of intertidal and near shore habitat were identified by state, tribal, and local groups as potential restoration sites in the 2006 Puget Sound Near Shore Restoration Site Inventory Database.

**Baseline:** Acres of tidally- and seasonally-influenced estuarine wetlands protected and restored at a point in time (FY 2007)