



## CONSERVATION AREAS TO STEWARD

Skagit Land Trust conserves important land for wildlife habitat, and natural areas for people to experience and enjoy. The Trust currently owns and manages 38 Conservation Areas, protects 35 properties in partnership with private landowners, and has facilitated conservation of dozens of other properties across Skagit County. Become a Volunteer Land Steward to help protect one of Skagit's special places, a new Conservation Area.

### Marblemount

**Upper Skagit 1** - 20 acres. The Upper Skagit 1 Conservation Area is located on the east side of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Skagit River, just upriver of the confluence of the Cascade River with the Skagit River. Douglas Island Conservation Area, Cascade River North Conservation Area, Cascade River Conservation Easement and Cascade River South 1 Conservation Area are all located within 1 mile of the protected area. Upper Skagit 1 contains approximately 700 ft. of shoreline along the Skagit River featuring Chinook salmon habitat.

**Douglas Island** - 13.2 acres. The Douglas Island Conservation Area is directly across the Skagit River from the Marblemount Boat Launch and south of Skagit County's Pressentin County Park. Douglas Island protects maturing high-quality riparian forest, providing habitat and valuable ecosystem services for salmon rearing, refuge for mink, beaver, deer and river otter in a larger connected landscape of protected Skagit river properties, and is entirely within FEMA's identified 100-year flood plain.



**Cascade River North** - 11.3 acres. The Cascade River North Conservation Area is located between Cascade River Road and the north edge of the Skagit River one mile northeast of Marblemount. CRN contains high priority salmon habitat found along the Cascade River and in the ponds and creeks present on the property. The majority of Cascade River North features riparian forest, dominated by alder, cedars and some cottonwood and maple. Sharing a boundary with an easement to the east expands the overall habitat value and potential for restoration projects.

## **Concrete**

**Jackman Creek** – 26.9 acres. Jackman Creek Conservation Area is just east of the town of Concrete, between the north bank of the Skagit River and Highway 20 with 2,700 feet of Skagit River and Jackman Creek frontage, most of the property is within FEMA's identified 100-year flood plain. The property contains maturing riparian forest, with a healthy native mix of coniferous and deciduous species and some very large cottonwoods. The understory also contains a healthy diversity of native shrubs and ground cover species. Conservation of Jackman Creek allows this and other tributaries to meander across the floodplain freely, creating dynamic and diverse habitats for fish and wildlife to thrive.

## **Rockport**

**WA Eddy** - 17.75 acres. Washington Eddy Conservation Area is located just beyond Rockport and is within the Bald Eagle Natural Area. WA Eddy is bounded on the north by a back channel of the Skagit River. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife owns lands to the east, south, and west, access is often from the south. WA Eddy contains a feeding bar important to wintering bald eagle populations, channel habitats for rearing salmon and is connected with a larger conserved complex of WDFW lands.



**Skagit River Kahn** - 10 acres. Skagit River Kahn Conservation Area is upstream from the town of Rockport along Highway 20; across from the Cascadian Farms produce stand and west of the artificial logjam in Skagit River. Use extreme caution to access due to having to cross the highway. SRK is primarily composed of native vegetation species, used by bald eagles during the winter months and the riverfront is good salmonid habitat. A variety of other wildlife including mammals, use the property. Skagit River Kahn is a popular fishing spot by locals.

## **Hamilton**

**Muddy Creek** - 3.75 acres. Muddy Creek Conservation Area is located southwest of Lyman-Hamilton Highway and north of Skagit River. Muddy Creek is almost entirely forested, featuring relatively young (25-50 yrs.) deciduous floodplain species, with the occasional larger conifer. A robust understory, primarily of salmonberry and similar floodplain woody herbaceous species, is present throughout the property. Adjacency to Skagit County's Cascade Trail provides views of a natural landscape to trail users and Cumberland Creek Conservation Area directly across the river increases habitat connectivity.

