

Coast Salish (Washington)

In 2008, USGS formed a new partnership with the Coast Salish Nation to study water quality and to help restore near shore marine resources across the Salish Sea, Puget Sound, and Georgia Basin. The USGS scientists participated with Canoe Families and skippers to design and conduct a water-quality study as part of the annual Coast Salish Tribal Journey. The study spanned international borders, cultures, science disciplines and interest groups. In its first year, the effort generated more than 42,000 water-quality data points along 570 miles of ancestral waterways.

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