

Big Beef Creek

Walk under a forest canopy and along a salmon stream Enjoy spring wildflowers amidst a songbird sanctuary. Learn about the the most interesting features of this special property.

Big Beef Creek is one of the Great Peninsula's largest streams, a major tributary of Hood Canal. As one of the few remaining private parcels on the lower creek, this property is worth conserving!



This property includes:

- **Broad valley bottom** and adjacent **steep side slopes** including a seasonal, small-stream ravine.
- Approximately 330 ft along both sides of the **mainstem of Big Beef Creek**, and approximately 800 ft. of a **small, unnamed tributary**.
- Ample rainfall, good soils and seasonal flooding help nurture the **riparian woodlands** and **mature forest trees** to their great heights.
- High-quality **spawning habitat** for summer chum, coho, and steelhead due in part to the presence of gravel substrate and large woody debris in the streambed. The creek's pools provide habitat for coho fingerlings, which spend a year in freshwater before moving out to sea. Federally listed (threatened) summer chum went extinct in Big Beef Creek but were successfully re-established beginning in 1996.
- Beaver and deer use the property's **riparian bottomlands** of vine maple and red alder.
- The treat early on a spring morning is a songbird chorus! The forest provides habitat for many species of warblers and other **migratory songbirds**.

Other major landowners on lower Big Beef Creek are the University of Washington, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and Washington Department of Natural Resources.



GPC is seeking grant funds to purchase the 10-acre parcel from the conservation-minded owners of this beautiful property.