WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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DESCHUTES ESTUARY Restoration Project

Upcoming fieldwork

Starting Monday, August 24, 2026, the project team for the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project will begin collecting sediment samples by boat in Capitol Lake to support project design. A sampling vessel will be on the water, and sampling will occur directly from the boat. Sampling should be complete by August 31. All work is weather dependent, and this timeline may shift accordingly.

The collected samples will be analyzed for chemical quality to help inform project design.

During fieldwork, the pedestrian path around Deschutes Parkway and Capitol Lake will remain open. Following completion of the work, the sampling vessel and other equipment that touches the water will be decontaminated in compliance with procedures required by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Photo of a sampling vessel similar to the type that will be on Capitol Lake in late August 2026.

Field crews supporting similar sediment sampling efforts.

Recapping the Festival of the Steh-Chass

Members of the project team attended this year's Festival of the Steh-Chass, hosted by the Squaxin Island Tribe and local non-profit Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team (DERT). Visitors to our booth had the opportunity to meet with members of the project team and participate in a community art project! It was wonderful to connect with members of the community and participate in this important event.

Learn More

To stay updated on the project and future public involvement opportunities, visit DeschutesEstuaryProject.org.

Other Languages or Accommodations

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