

DONOVAN CREEK BRIDGE

On January 10, 2007, the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG), in partnership with Jefferson County Public Works, completed replacement of a drainage culvert under East Quilcene Rd with a 70-ft concrete bridge. The bridge is located at the head of Quilcene Bay, approximately ½ mile east of Center Rd. During construction of the permanent bridge, a temporary, single-lane bridge was installed for through traffic.

The old, 60-inch diameter culvert under East Quilcene Rd was an intermittent fish barrier when water was flowing at high velocities. Removal of the barrier will allow more natural estuary conditions to develop on the north side of the road. The estuary environment provides critical habitat for juvenile salmon.

This was the fourth project completed in five years through the partnership of HCSEG and Jefferson County Public Works. All funding for this \$600,000 project was acquired by HCSEG through state and federal grants. The bridge was constructed by Wilson Construction of Port Angeles.



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The new bridge over Donovan Creek removed an intermittent fish barrier and allows more natural estuary conditions to develop on the north side of East Quilcene Rd.