

Hatchery and Beach Shelter

The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe has built a new salmon hatchery building and beach shelter at the Point Julia beachfront in Kingston.

The project shows the tribe’s history of salmon fishing and rearing in the area while continuing those traditions in a modern facility.

A two-story, 1,800-square-foot hatchery building replaces an old hatchery at the same site. It also has office and utility space for the tribe’s salmon hatchery program.

The new open-air beach shelter has covered communal picnic tables and brings the first public restrooms to the Point Julia beachfront. It serves as a new landing site for the annual inter-tribal Paddle to Muckleshoot Canoe Journey.

The design was inspired by traditional Salish building methods in intertidal zones, specifically the practice of elevating buildings on permanent poles fashioned from tree trunks and clad with removable cedar planks. The hatchery is elevated using exposed auger-cast concrete piles that support a lighter building skin of glass, polycarbonate and wood.

The beach shelter was envisioned to be the tribe’s new “front door on the sea” and is inspired by traditional Indigenous wooden structures, such as longhouses.

The two structures were designed to complement each other.

Owner: Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

Architect: CAST architecture

Contractor: Pacific Civil & Infrastructure

Geotech: Robinson Noble

Structural engineer: Swenson Say Faget

MEP: Glumac

Civil engineer: Cannon

Landscape architect: Pacific Landscape Architecture

Survey: AES Consultants

Intake system engineer: Kleinschmidt Group

Specifications: Applied Building Information

Art/light installation: S’Klallam artist Jimmy Price

Conference table, entry bench: Craig Kohring



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