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Hatchery and Beach Shelter

he 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.

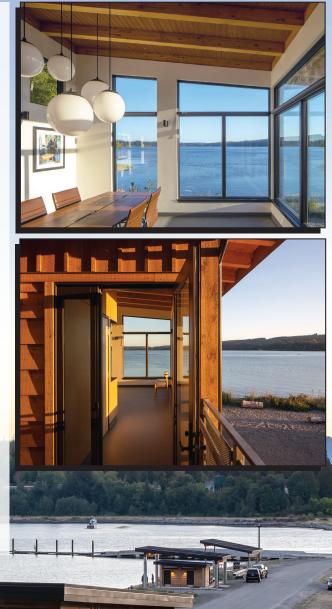
The new open-air beach shelter has covered communal picnic tables and brings the first public restrooms to the Point Julia beachfront. It serves as a new landing site for the annual inter-tribal Paddle to Muckleshoot Canoe Journey.

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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