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[Shellfish industry kill eelgrass on shellfish beds!](#)

The eelgrass recovery strategy provides the strategic framework for advancing native eelgrass (*Z. marina*) conservation and recovery in Puget Sound and achieving the 2020 target to increase eelgrass extent by 20 percent. An Action Agenda put forth in 2015! **Eelgrass is key to ecosystem resiliency and combatting climate change.** It is a highly-valued source of shelter and food for many wildlife species. **Eelgrass also serves as an “ecosystem engineer”** by slowing water flow, and mitigating the impacts of ocean acidification by absorbing CO2 and increasing oxygen in the water !!!

Thank you for your good surveillance over the Puget Sound !!!