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The positive impacts of this project include a return to natural ecosystem function for what is now a dysfunctional artificial lake. The return to a more natural river and estuary system will improve water quality in the estuary and in Puget Sound. During the transition time, the impacts on local residents and businesses should be minimized including traffic and noise impacts.
Special attention should be paid during construction/dredging operations to protect cycling and walking routes in order to minimize disruption. These modes are used by people who may not have the option to take long detours.