

Timeline: Sen. Cantwell Champions Salmon Habitat Restoration at Meadowdale Beach Park

August 2018: Sen. Cantwell sends a [letter](#) to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in support of Snohomish County's application to the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program.

- The project, Sen. Cantwell writes, "has the opportunity to ensure reliable rail transportation for passengers and freight, improve public beach access and safety, and restore critical Chinook salmon habitat."

June 2019: The FRA [announces](#) a \$3.5 million CRISI grant for the Meadowdale Beach Park project.

- Sen. Cantwell celebrates: "This federal investment will increase the community's access to a beautiful part of Puget Sound, restore salmon habitat and improve fish passage, and keep trains moving along this important freight corridor."

July 2021: Sen. Cantwell [visits](#) Meadowdale Beach Park to celebrate the groundbreaking of the project.

- Photos available [HERE](#).

November 2021: Sen. Cantwell visits Meadowdale Beach again during a [tour](#) across the Puget Sound region with KING 5 to discuss the potential benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

November 2021: The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) is signed into law, including \$5 billion over five years for the CRISI program, resulting in a 290% increase in annual funding. The increase in CRISI funding was championed by Sen. Cantwell in her role as Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.