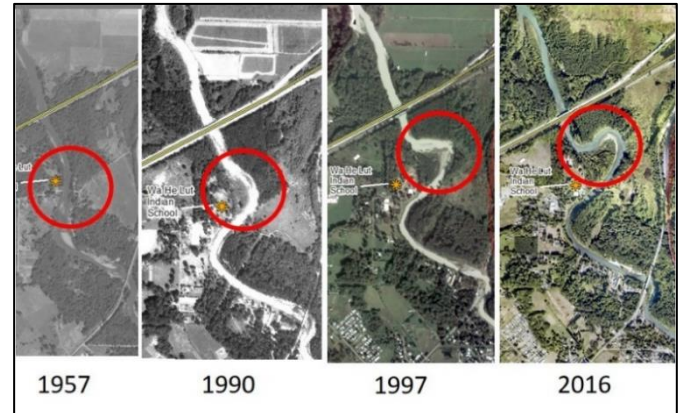


2021 State Legislative Agenda

I-5 Mounts Road to Tumwater & Nisqually River Delta: I-5 is the lifeline of commerce, transportation, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord's (JBLM) mission readiness in the Puget Sound Region. However, the current design of I-5 restricts critical ecological functions impacting salmon survival, is at a high risk of being overtopped by a major flooding event, and has limited capacity to handle the growing South Sound economy and population - a key component to national security since 30% of the JBLM workforce live south of the Nisqually River.



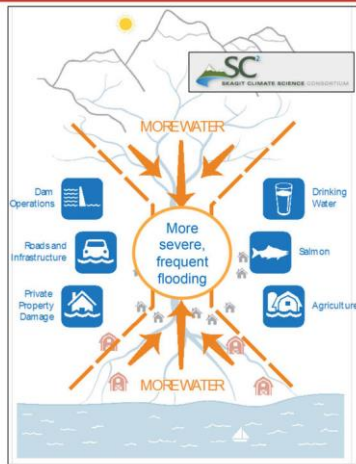
Coastal Squeeze – A Framework for Understanding Changing Coastal Flood Hazards and Risk

Watershed drivers

- More Rain, Less Snow
- More Intense/Frequent Peak Flows
- More Sediment
- Longer Flood Season

Coastal drivers

- More Extreme Storm Surge
- Greater Wave Energy
- Sea Level Rise
- Groundwater Rising



The 2020 WSDOT study of this corridor identified **\$204M** worth of investments that will improve the performance of the transportation system. Of the \$204M, **\$19M** would go toward 3 roundabouts in the Yelm area to provide a viable alternative to I-5 in the case of a major event rendering this stretch impassable. Also within the \$204M, is **\$7.5M** for preliminary design and environmental review to address the current design of I-5 that is limiting salmon habitat, creating a flood risk and is a major bottleneck through the region. The estimated construction cost to fully address the problem is **\$4.2B**.

Preliminary findings of the USGS hydrologic study show

that I-5 is being impacted by Coastal Squeeze. Coastal Squeeze is the changing rain and snow events in the upland areas of the Nisqually Watershed as a result of climate change interacting with the measurable and anticipated increase in sea level in Puget Sound. The study shows flooding events in the Nisqually will increase in magnitude and frequency, overtopping I-5 will become more regular, and the risk of a major evulsion event is not if but when – which appears to be as soon as 17 years from now.

Defense Community Compatibility Account:

SSMCP request that the Legislature allocate **\$11.0M** (minimum \$3.0M for SSMCP projects) in the biennial capital budget to fund the newly established DCCA program.

To the right is the 2019/2020 prioritized project list as recommended by the Department of Commerce. [Click HERE](#) to view the DOC report.

DCCA 2019/2020 Prioritized Project List

	Project Sponsor	Project Type	Amount
1.	SSMCP	Housing	\$70,600
2.	SSMCP	NCZ Land Acquisition	\$1.4M
3.	Lakewood Water District	PFAS Removal	\$5.5M
4.	SSMCP/JBLM	I-5 Exit 120 Flyover Feasibility	\$1.5M
5.	City of Lakewood	Washington Blvd	\$1.92M
6.	Center for Natural Lands Management	Species Recovery	\$464,000
7.	Center for Natural Lands Management	Conservation/Stewardship	\$124,000
TOTAL			\$11.0M

SSMCP Policy Positions

Maintain Active State Support for Military Affairs in Washington

SSMCP believes in a strong commitment from the State in support of military affairs. This support should include:

- Increasing access to quality affordable childcare for all WA residents, including service members, veterans, and their families.
- Supporting affordable off-installation housing for military members and their dependents.
- Evaluating alternate transportation routes and options to ensure mission readiness.
- Support licensing compacts and occupational licensure improvements for employment opportunities of separating service members and military spouses.

Support Military & Civilian Compatible Land Use

SSMCP was founded on and strongly agrees that collaborative partnerships are vital in identifying and resolving existing land use conflicts and preventing potential future land use conflicts. SSMCP supports joint land use strategies that do not usurp local control. Specifically, SSMCP supports:

- Designating military installations as regional centers for the purposes of regional and transportation planning
- Coordination with and investment in military-community organizations such as SSMCP, Forward Fairchild, KEDA, Greater Spokane, Inc., etc.

Support Investments in Behavioral Health Resources

SSMCP initiated the Connect Kit pilot program which empowered public servants to meet the immediate physical needs of community members and provide them with resources to receive assistance in the areas of healthcare, housing, transportation, education and other social services.

- SSMCP will look for opportunities to expand the Connect Kit program and share best practices to connect community members with established resources.

Support Partner Projects in the Region

These projects include but are not limited to:

- Addressing the at grade rail crossing and the interchange at Exit 120 for the JBLM main gate.
- Timely completion of the already funded SR 510 Yelm Loop.

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