



Weaverling Spit Invasive Plant Removal

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The Samish Indian Nation owns a piece of property on Weaverling Spit in Anacortes, WA. On the east end of the spit there is approximately 6 acres of forested area. DNR adopted a resolution to eradicate invasive and non-native species from this forested area in 2008. The spit was once home to a dance hall and 3 small cabins. The area is rich in native wildlife, supporting an active eagle nest, heron roost, otter family. Weaverling spit serves as a key refuge for native species in a place that is dominated by industry and development. In 2008 and 2009 the department received funding from the mountaineers foundation to aid in the removal of English ivy, an aggressive invasive species known for its tenacity.



Left: Dense ivy patch pre- removal. Right: surviving tree post- removal.



Field Technician planting trees

Two acres of ivy was successfully removed, along with all permanent structures in efforts to restore this portion of the spit. In the fall of 2010 the department planted 200 trees and shrubs including Vine Maple, Nootka Rose, Snowberry, Ocean Spray and Douglas Fir to prevent the possibility of ivy reinfestation. The department is still actively involved in controlling the current invasive species status of Weaverling Spit.



[Salal Chapter of the Washington State Native Plant Society Plant List For Weaverling Spit](#)

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