

## **Watmough Addition Public Meeting**

Friday, September 8, 10:15am-12pm

In Person: Lopez Island Family Resource Center Meeting room

Online: Join Meeting Online [Zoom Link](#)

The Conservation Land Bank acquired the 11.5-acre Watmough Addition in February of 2022 for the purchase price of \$2.55 million. The Land Bank has sought opportunities to offset the cost of acquisition and invites discussion on the possible options of grant funding or transfer to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

### **Purpose of community meeting**

- Provide background and update on the status of funding options for Watmough Addition
- To gather feedback from the community regarding Key Considerations
- To help inform the Land Bank Commission decisions regarding available funding and management options

### **Key Considerations**

- Tribal outreach and participation
  - Opportunity for Tribal cultural uses
  - Protection of cultural resources
- Future of Chadwick cabin
  - Cost of repairs, possible partnerships
- Site Management
  - Potential for seasonal caretaker
  - Stewardship costs
  - Access points
  - Management to protect neighboring properties
- Timeline regarding grant decisions: October 2023
- Timeline for BLM decision to purchase (2025/2026)
  - Interim management needs
- What is best ownership model to address priority needs of property?
  - Access, tribal interests/partnerships, effective stewardship

### **Preserve Overview**

2,053 ft shoreline including 2 pocket beaches

Critical salmonid habitat

Kelp forest and eel grass beds

### **Cultural historic sites for Coast Salish Tribes – Samish, Swinomish**

Extensive shell middens

Remnants of historic reef net fish camp prior to 1880

**Historic resources**

One of the oldest cabins on Lopez  
Sampson Chadwick settled 1876  
Married to Adelia Bradshaw, S'Klallam Tribe  
Heritage orchard

**Connectivity to public and private conservation lands**

Watmough Beach, Pt Colville, Chadwick Hill - BLM National Monument lands  
Pt Colville vicinity - private SJPT conservation lands

**Funding options**

- Land Bank approved for WA State grant funding: Total \$1.5M  
Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) \$500,000  
Deadline for decision: October 2023  
  
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) \$1,000,000  
Deadline for decision: October 2023  
Conditions: Create building exclusion zone
- Resale to Bureau of Land Management  
Resale Value – based on appraisal  
Timing unknown 2025-2026  
Land and Water Conservation Fund  
Conditions: House removal