

## **Barnum Point Acquisition – Cultural Resources Site Visit**

July 9, 2012 site visit with RCO (Mike Ramsey), WDFW (Betsy Lyons), EPS (Patricia Jatczak) Island County (Steve Marx, Jim McDavid), Stillaguamish Tribe (Kerry Lyste) and TNC (Kat Morgan) regarding cultural resources potential discovery at Barnum Point

*Notes compiled by Kat Morgan (TNC)*

10am – All participants met at the site entrance

Group walked West to the Triangle Cove overlook then back – Kerry identified no items of potential cultural significance. He did point out mounding at the Western edge of the parking area that was similar (though unlikely to be significant) to cultural mounding – though culturally significant mounts would be more oblong and with more uniform stone placement – the mound in question was likely an effect of biological or atmospheric conditions.

Group walked to the Port Susan overlook.

Along the bluff trail headed to the beach, Kerry noticed a number of trees with crooked branches, similar to a saguaro cactus. He noted that these have the potential to be culturally modified and if so, would be considered a cultural resource. This location is noted on the corresponding map below. Kerry described native tribes would bend cedar branches - in ways similar to the crooks seen- as a way to mark trails, and Kerry offered the opinion that there was likely a trail along the bluff at one time.

The group continued down the beach trail and South along the easement and to the beach under the most active bluff – Kerry pointed out the eroding bluff and the potential for cultural material – either relics from trail use or much less likely from tree-top burial – to be eroded with the bluff onto the beach. This potential erosion was a concern for Kerry and the location of the bluff top edge is noted below.

Official Tour ended at 12pm.

## Barnum Point July 9 Cultural Site Visit – Two Concerns

