

2025 and 2026 Analyses of Bed Sediments of the Salish Sea

During the summer of 2026, students from the University of Washington Tacoma analyzed sediments provided by research partners from the Washington State Department of Ecology's Marine Sediment Monitoring Team. Sediments from the Salish Sea are used to represent changes in environmental, biological, and chemical properties within the bays of this region. Analysis teams were created to measure total organic content, particle-size, chlorophyll concentration, microplastics presence, and harmful algae abundance. Posters from this course will include the results of these studies from twelve locations in the Salish Sea. The outcomes will be used to compare with previous work on sediments from these locations and shared with regional stakeholders.