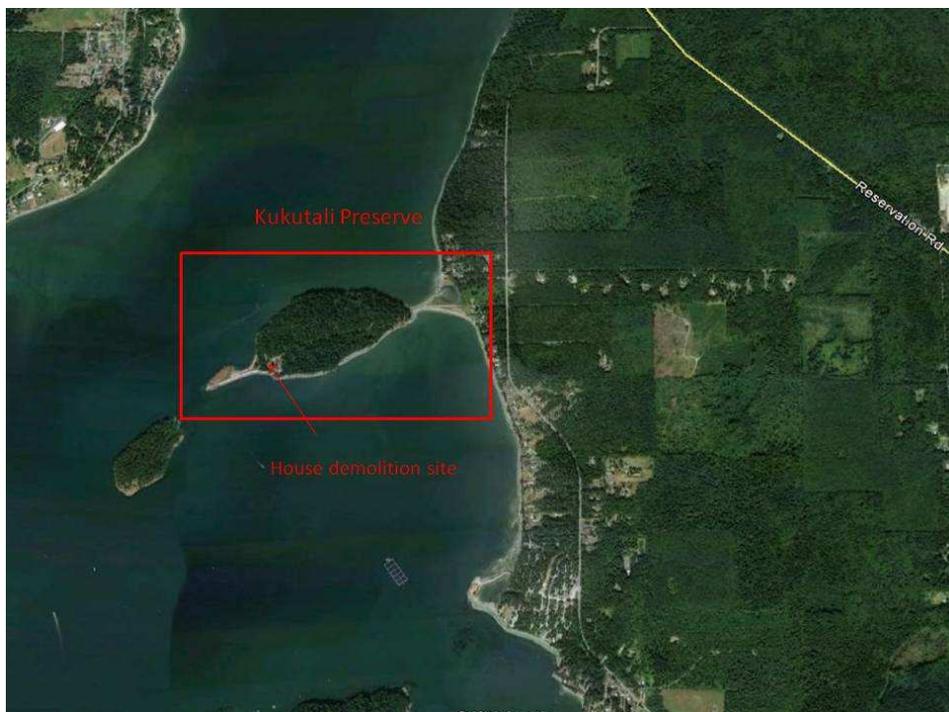


Kukutali Preserve (Kiket Island) Leaking Underground Fuel Tank Removal

Kukutali Preserve is an area of the Reservation that is jointly managed by the Swinomish Tribe and Washington State Parks (as part of Deception Pass State Park). The Tribe is currently in the process of putting this property in Tribal trust status. During the Phase I ESA required for that procedure, several underground fuel storage tanks were discovered associated with a large one story house on the west end of the island. Three abandoned 550 gal heating oil tanks were subsequently unearthed. All these tanks had fuel remaining in them and all had leaked substantially. Using Tribal funding, the Tribe pumped out and disposed of approximately 600 gallons of fuel and contaminated water and then removed and disposed of the tanks. Approximately 200 cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed and disposed of at a regional disposal facility in Everett. The cleanup was temporarily stopped when it was found the contamination extended under the foundation of the house. Since the house was scheduled for demolition later in the year, the tank pit was temporarily filled until the house demolition could begin and the fuel tank remediation could resume in late 2013.

Although these tanks were located within 100 ft. of the shoreline, and several feet above sea level, so far the contamination has been limited to the disturbed soils and backfill of the site. The contamination appears to have been contained by hard clay undisturbed soils under and around the house site. However, until remediation is complete the actual extent of the contamination will not be known. This remediation is being funded by the Swinomish Tribe and will be complete in early 2014.



Kukutali Preserve and the location of the residence with leaking fuel tanks.