

## Rockaway Beach Road Stabilization Project

### *Project Re-design Required to Obtain Permit Approval*

On Friday, May 31, representatives from FHWA, NOAA, Army Corps of Engineers, WSDOT, WDFW and the Suquamish Tribe met with Engineering Manager Chris Hammer and City Manager Doug Schulze to visit the project site and discuss project options. As a result of the six-hour meeting, it was determined that a project re-design to move away from a bank stabilization with a rock revetment wall to a sheet pile or soldier pile wall would be a more acceptable option to WDFW and the Suquamish Tribe. Federal agencies and the City agreed to a project re-design.



Funding for the project re-design will come from existing project design funds, but may need to be supplemented by designating construction funds to project design. Preliminary cost estimates for a sheet pile or soldier pile wall are expected to be less than the rock revetment wall previously planned. The rock revetment wall was selected as the preferred option because it was considered to be least impactful to the existing eelgrass beds and nearshore environment. However, WDFW and Suquamish Tribe representatives expressed more concern over surf smelt habitat damage that would be caused by the rock revetment option.

A contractor will be mobilizing onto the project site to begin drilling and completing soil borings to determine if a sheet pile wall can be built on site or if a soldier pile wall will be required. This work is expected to begin on Monday, June 10th.