

## Exhibit 2: Site Photographs

### Ryan Creek's Wetland Meadows



The lower reaches of Ryan Creek open into wetland meadows rich with willows and wildflowers. This seasonal flooded marsh supports plants such as cattails, rushes, and pondweeds, and invertebrates that provide food for resident and migrating songbirds, water birds, and shorebirds.



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### Ryan Creek's Northernmost Brackish Marsh



The project will conserve palustrine emergent wetlands, as well as tidal slough and brackish marsh habitat.

### Ryan Creek's Riparian and Forested Uplands



Ninety percent of the watershed is densely vegetated with second- and third-growth coastal redwoods and coastal coniferous forest.

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### **Community Forest Benefits (*left*)**

Public recreation, wildlife education, and habitat protection will be priorities of the community forest's management plan. Ryan Creek's forests will be managed for the long-term conservation of its wetlands and wetland-dependant wildlife.

### **Protecting Ryan Creek's Fisheries Resources (*right*)**

The project area and its upland streams are considered high-quality refugia for the recolonization and stabilization of Pacific Coast salmonid populations.

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### Ryan Creek's Floodplain Wetlands



Ryan Slough wetlands at its annual winter high water mark. Fish species, including Chinook salmon, Steelhead trout, and Pacific lamprey, benefit from rearing habitat provided by floodplain wetlands.

