

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY



CASE STUDY

KEY FACTS

PROJECT NAME
WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

LOCATION
PADILLA BAY, WA

PARTNERS
WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN

PROJECT TYPE
MODULAR BUNKHOUSE &
RESEARCH CENTER

BUILDING SIZE:
2 STORY | 3,248 SQ. FT.

BUILDING UNITS:
4 MODULES

About the Washington State Department of Ecology

Padilla Bay is one of those serene spots full of relaxing vistas and teeming with scenes of nature. It is also the site of a Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) preserve and interpretive center, near Seattle.

Their Need

The Washington DOE needed a bunkhouse and research center for an environmental critical area. But, after shopping for site built construction options, they were confronted with prices that threatened to kill the project.

The Whitley Solution

The DOE next considered a modular building and contacted Williams Scotsman representative Pat Muchmore. Pat worked to fully understand the needs of the DOE, the lay of the land and budget constraints. Then he turned to Whitley Evergreen of Marysville, Washington. Together, Muchmore and the Whitley Evergreen staff created a project design to fit the budget and accommodate every design feature requested, and then some. The DOE was impressed with the price, as well as Muchmore's can-do attitude throughout the process from beginning to grand opening. Whitley built the 3,248 sq. ft. two-story structure with ample windows on each wall, especially the window overlooking the bay. A variety of "green technologies" were used to take advantage of the natural heating and cooling of the site. "Green features" reduced the long term maintenance and operational costs of the project. A hinged 4:12 roof was built in factory and an exterior of HardiePlank was installed to protect the building for years to come from the marine environment. "We chose to work with Whitley because they were willing to "design out of the box," and because they showed a willingness to engineer and to design features the way the customer wanted them." Mike Ransbottom, Whitley VP of Operations says Muchmore brought the project together "without a hitch" and was "super to work with."

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