

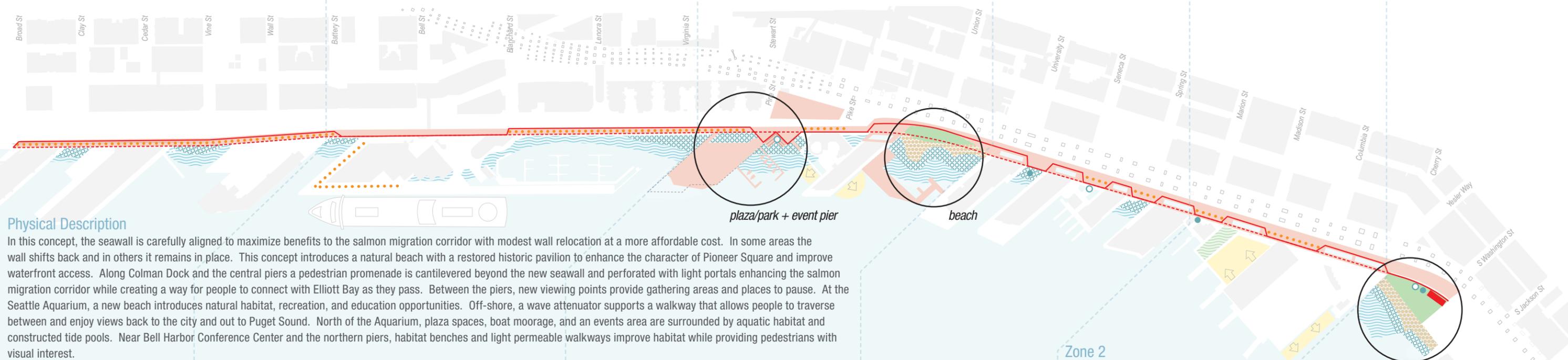
Concept E: Evolving Experiences

An episodic composition of places that tell a story of the importance of Puget Sound to its inhabitants. This is the cultural concept - the synthesis of native animal, Native American, pioneer, immigrant, maritime, and industrial societies, their distinguishing characteristics, and shared ethics that have shaped Seattle and its waterfront.

Seattle's waterfront serves many roles. This concept will acknowledge the conversation between an ecology, a place, and their occupants. A mosaic of aquatic and riparian habitats, urban pathways, and gathering spaces will expose this conversation. Driftwood, gravel, sand, stone, concrete, and brick are the substrate. For visitors and residents, the varied waterfront spaces will unfold in a choreographed sequence explaining Seattle and Puget Sound. To plants, fish, mammals, and birds, the seawall will provide a complex and diverse habitat. In this concept, Seattle's waterfront will model interaction between urban and natural environments.



-  Backshore Beach
-  Habitat Bench
-  Aquatic Vegetation and Reef
-  Public Space
-  Potential Rain Garden
-  Potential Renovation/Expansion
-  Light Penetrating Surface
-  Existing Seawall
-  Proposed Seawall
-  Combined Sewer Outfall
-  Stormwater Outfall



Physical Description

In this concept, the seawall is carefully aligned to maximize benefits to the salmon migration corridor with modest wall relocation at a more affordable cost. In some areas the wall shifts back and in others it remains in place. This concept introduces a natural beach with a restored historic pavilion to enhance the character of Pioneer Square and improve waterfront access. Along Colman Dock and the central piers a pedestrian promenade is cantilevered beyond the new seawall and perforated with light portals enhancing the salmon migration corridor while creating a way for people to connect with Elliott Bay as they pass. Between the piers, new viewing points provide gathering areas and places to pause. At the Seattle Aquarium, a new beach introduces natural habitat, recreation, and education opportunities. Off-shore, a wave attenuator supports a walkway that allows people to traverse between and enjoy views back to the city and out to Puget Sound. North of the Aquarium, plaza spaces, boat moorage, and an events area are surrounded by aquatic habitat and constructed tide pools. Near Bell Harbor Conference Center and the northern piers, habitat benches and light permeable walkways improve habitat while providing pedestrians with visual interest.

- Zone 6**
North Pier
- Wall moved back or in place
 - Viewing piers/viewpoints on existing piers
 - Light permeable walkway
 - Habitat bench improvements
 - Aquatic vegetation and reef

- Zone 5**
Bell Harbor
- Wall moved back or in place
 - Viewing piers/viewpoints on existing piers
 - Light penetrating walkway
 - Habitat bench improvements

- Zone 4**
Park/Aquarium
- Portion of wall reconfigured - pushed out and pulled back
 - Plazas and stepped seating accessing the water
 - Short-stay boat moorage
 - Events pier
 - Light permeable walkways

- Zone 3**
Central Pier
- Light wells
 - Wave attenuator/over-water park
 - Fine substrate beach with sills
 - Aquatic and riparian habitat
 - Constructed tide pools and reef
 - Habitat bench
 - Wall in place in some areas and moved back in others
 - Viewing piers/viewpoints on existing piers
 - Limited open water portals
 - Light permeable walkway
 - Light wells
 - Habitat bench
 - Aquatic vegetation and reef

- Zone 2**
Ferry Terminal
- Wall in place in some areas and moved back in others
 - Viewing piers/viewpoints on existing piers
 - Limited open water portals
 - Light permeable walkway
 - Light wells
 - Habitat bench
 - Potential rain gardens for stormwater treatment at Colman Dock (Coordinate with Ferries)

- Zone 1**
Pioneer Square/Washington St.
- Wall in place
 - Historic pavilion
 - Fine substrate beach with sills
 - Habitat bench
 - Aquatic vegetation and reef
 - Riparian vegetation