



Lambert conformal conic projection  
North American Datum of 1983; no place on North American Datum of 1983,  
move the projection lines approximately 24 meters north and 95 meters  
east as to place it on the 1983 coordinate ticks.  
Base map from scanned and rectified U.S. Geological Survey Skokomish Valley  
7.5-minute quadrangle, 1986, and U.S. Geological Survey Union 7.5-minute  
quadrangle, 1985.  
Shaded relief generated from a lidar bare-earth digital elevation model (available from  
Puget Sound LiDAR Consortium, <http://pagemodels.usc.washington.edu/>),  
sun azimuth 315°, sun angle 45°, vertical exaggeration of 2.5.  
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Age-date data. \*<sup>14</sup>C, radiocarbon analysis; IRSL, infrared stimulated luminescence  
analysis; ka, thousands years; AMS, atomic mass spectrometry. For complete age  
control data, see Table 1 in the pamphlet.

Age-date site ID, location, analytical method, age estimate, age estimate  
range, and reference.

Age-date site ID	Location	Analytical method	Age Estimate ( <sup>14</sup> C or B.P. or ka)	Age Estimate Range ( <sup>14</sup> C or B.P. or ka)	Reference
M438	Skokomish Valley delta peat core	<sup>14</sup> C AMS	750 ± 40 B.P.	(0.750–0.670 ka)	
M436	Skokomish Valley delta beach stump	<sup>14</sup> C	1050 ± 60 B.P. (1.070–0.990 ka) 0.660–0.820 ka		
			estimated time of tree death	1.032 ± 862 and 0.832 ± 732 and 0.772 ka	
M434	Skokomish Valley delta peat site	<sup>14</sup> C AMS	1,150 ± 40 B.P. (1.160–0.950 ka)		
TCN14	Skokomish Hood Canal Valley	<sup>14</sup> C AMS	8,600 ± 840 B.P. (8,600–8,420 ka)		
M831	Union quarry dredge log	<sup>14</sup> C	13,210 ± 80 B.P. (15,870–15,400 ka)		
			estimated time of tree death	15,767–15,297 ka	
M906	Skokomish Valley Above US101 & Sunnyside	<sup>14</sup> C	41,710 ± 320 B.P.		
J231	Skokomish Lower N Fork Skokomish	<sup>14</sup> C AMS	>43,500 B.P.		
M958	Union Carnation Creek bedrock post	<sup>14</sup> C AMS	>43,500 B.P.		
M495	Union Ski level post	<sup>14</sup> C	>47,000 B.P.		
T1245	Union Summertime Resort	IRSL	>245 ka		
M470	Skokomish Valley Purdy cut-off area	IRSL	>250 ka		
J287	Skokomish Valley Lucky Dog fold beds	IRSL	no luminescence signal		

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## Geologic Map of the Skokomish Valley and Union 7.5-minute Quadrangles, Mason County, Washington

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### MAJOR FINDINGS

- Large or enduring late Fraser-age nonglacial lakes may not have occupied the Skokomish Valley and Hood Canal within the map area.
- Stagnant ice deposits and subglacial erosion channels in the map area likely provide pathways for shallow subsurface drainage and groundwater infiltration.
- The base of Vashon advance outwash deposits in the map area is commonly marked by productive springs.
- Elevated nutrient content in some of these springs may offer an opportunity for improved understanding of groundwater pathways and distribution of geologic units in the subsurface.
- A northwest-trending structure across the lower Skokomish Valley has been tectonically active during the late Holocene and is hence informally named the Lucy Dog structure.
- Uncommonly frequent flooding on the Skokomish River could be related to tectonic activity.
- 70 ft of alluvium accumulated in the lower Skokomish Valley during the past ~8,500 years.
- The Skokomish delta has undergone submergence (subsidence?) during the past ~1,000 years.
- Multiple lines of evidence point to relatively old sediment in the map area, but constraining age control remains elusive.
- A syncline in older northern source glacioclaustric sediments exists near Tahuya, and the fold axis is calculated to be 205°.

### DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS (see pamphlet for detailed map unit descriptions)

#### Quaternary Unconsolidated Deposits

HOLOCENE NONGLACIAL DEPOSITS	
af	Artificial fill—Clay, silt, sand, gravel, organic matter, and rip-rap, placed to elevate and reshape the land; may be engineered or nonengineered.
ml	Modified land—Locally derived sediment, ranging from clay to gravel and diamicton; mixed and reworked by excavation and redistributed to modify topography.
bd	Beach deposits—Transient sand, pebbles, cobbles, silt, clay, and shells; clasts moderately to well rounded and oblate; well sorted; loose; locally derived; reflect where unit Qbd.
mr	Marsh deposits—Organic sediment (or) loose clay, silt, and sand in tidal flats and coastal wetlands; saltwater to brackish equivalent of unit Qmr.
qm	Marine deltaic alluvium—Gravel, sand, and mud; clasts well rounded; moderately to well sorted and loose; derived to massively bedded; generally fresh; reflect where unit Qqm.

#### HOLOCENE TO LATE PLEISTOCENE NONGLACIAL DEPOSITS

cp	Peat—Organic-rich sediment; includes peat, muck, silt, and clay; typically in closed depressions; freshwater equivalent of unit Qpm, but near sea level also includes marshy brackish influence.
dl	Landslide deposits—Cobbles, pebbles, sand, silt, clay, boulders, and diamicton in slide body and toe; angular to rounded clasts and grains; unsorted, generally jumbled, and unstratified.
mw	Mass wasting deposits—Cobbles, pebbles, sand, silt, clay, boulders; angular to subangular; well sorted; loose; shown along potentially or demonstrably unstable slopes.
qam	Alluvium—Gravel, sand, and silt; clasts well rounded; moderately to well sorted and loose; deposited in stream and on adjacent flood plains and terraces; fresh; reflect where unit Qqa.
qaf	Alluvium fan deposits—Cobbles, pebbles, sand, silt, and boulders; poorly sorted and stratified; forms concentric lobes where streams emerge from valleys; reflect where unit Qqa.

#### PLEISTOCENE GLACIAL AND NONGLACIAL DEPOSITS

qgo	Deposits of the Vashon Stage of the Fraser Glaciation (northern source)
qgg	Vashon recessional outwash—Gravel and sand, some silt and clay, generally fresh; loose; clasts subrounded and moderately sorted; may be difficult to distinguish from unit Qqa.
qgq	Vashon recessional outwash gravel—Mostly gravel with clean, sandy matrix; gray to tan; loose; class moderately to well rounded; moderately to well sorted.
qga	Vashon recessional outwash sand—Mostly sand; mostly matrix-free; gray to tan; loose; class moderately to well rounded; moderately to well sorted.
qgf	Vashon recessional alluvial deposits—Cobbles, pebbles, sand, silt, and boulders; poorly sorted and stratified; formed concentric lobes where streams leave valleys.
qgr	Vashon recessional lake beds—Glacioclaustric silt; medium gray; loose; class angular to subangular; well sorted; rhythmically bedded (varved?) to structureless.
qgd	Vashon recessional glacial-lake-deltaic outwash—Gravel, sand, and locally fines; gray to brown; loose; moderately to well sorted and clean; debris assemblage.
qgi	Vashon ice-contact kame and kame deltas—Gravel, sand, some silt; mostly loose; medium to very thickly bedded or massive; moderately to well stratified.
qgt	Vashon ablation till—Unsorted, unstratified mix of gravel, sand, silt, and clay; erratic boulders common; mostly gray; typically unweathered; loose; classically stratified and faceted.
qgc	Vashon ice-contact deposits—Sand, gravel, lodgment till, and flow till; tan to gray; variably sorted; loose; class massive to well stratified; includes sub-ice flow and collapse features.
qge	Vashon ice-contact drift—Sand and gravel; tan to brown; loose; class moderately to well rounded; moderately to well sorted; flows elongate; sinuous hills on flat uplands.
qgt	Vashon lodgment till—Unsorted, unstratified mix of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and sparse boulders; typically supported by a sandy matrix; mostly gray; compact; resembling concrete.
qga	Vashon advance outwash—Pebbles, cobbles, and sand; gray to tan; generally compact, but commonly cohesionless; clasts well rounded; well sorted; clean, very thinly to thickly bedded.
qgd	Vashon drift, undivided—Stratified or unstratified sand, silt, clay, and diamicton (outwash and till); gray to tan; loose to compact; typically forms mounds, terraces, and channels.

#### Pre-Vashon Glacial Deposits

qsp	Pre-Vashon Olympic-source drift of probable Fraser age (may include pre-Fraser deposits)
qst	Uppermost Olympic-source outwash gravel—Cobble to pebble gravel with sandy to clayey matrix; gray to reddish brown, with heavy iron staining; compact; moderately sorted.
qsl	Uppermost Olympic-source till—Diamicton of clay, sand, and gravel with sandy matrix; gray; typically unweathered; compact; with well-developed facets resembling concrete.
qsa	Uppermost Olympic-source advance outwash—Cobble to pebble gravel with sandy to clayey matrix; gray to reddish brown; compact; clasts moderately subrounded; moderately sorted.
qad	Uppermost Olympic-source drift, undivided—Till and outwash consisting of cobble to pebble gravel with occasional boulders and a sandy to clayey matrix.

#### Pre-Vashon Olympic-glacial Deposits

qsp	Pre-Vashon Olympic-source outwash gravel—Cobble to pebble gravel with sandy to clayey matrix; matrix; gray to light orange-brown; compact; clasts mostly subrounded; moderately sorted.
qst	Pre-Vashon Olympic-source till—Clay, silt, sand, and gravel (diamicton); gray to brown; compact; resembling concrete; some clasts stratified and faceted, with angular or rounded edges.
qsd	Pre-Vashon Olympic-source glacial drift, undivided—Till and outwash consisting of cobble and pebble gravel with occasional boulders and a sandy to clayey matrix.

#### Pre-Vashon Glacial Deposits

qsp	Pre-Vashon northern-source outwash—Cobble to pebble gravel with sandy to clayey matrix; reddish brown; compact; class well rounded and sorted; very thinly to very thickly bedded.
qps	Pre-Vashon northern-source outwash sand—Sand; gray; compact; fine grained; horizontally laminated in clay-free, locally gently folded exposures up to 20 ft thick.
qpt	Pre-Vashon northern-source till—Unsorted, unstratified mix of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and sparse boulders; gray to brown; compact; with well-developed facets resembling concrete.
qpd	Pre-Vashon northern-source drift, undivided—Till and outwash consisting of cobble to pebble gravel with occasional boulders and a sandy to clayey matrix.

#### Pre-Vashon glacial sediments, paleogenealogically reversed

qop	Pre-Vashon glacioclaustric sediment, paleogenealogically reversed—Silt, sand, silt, and clay; gray to tan; compact; generally laminated; may locally contain sparse dropstones.
qou	Pre-Vashon Olympic-source glacial and nonglacial deposits—Gravel, sand, silt, clay, and diamicton, including till and paleosols; tan to reddish brown or gray; compact; poorly sorted.
qod	Pre-Vashon Olympic-source glacial and nonglacial deposits, lower facies—Gravel, sand, silt, clay, and diamicton, including some till; tan to reddish brown or gray; compact; poorly to well sorted.

#### Pre-Vashon glacial and nonglacial deposits, undivided