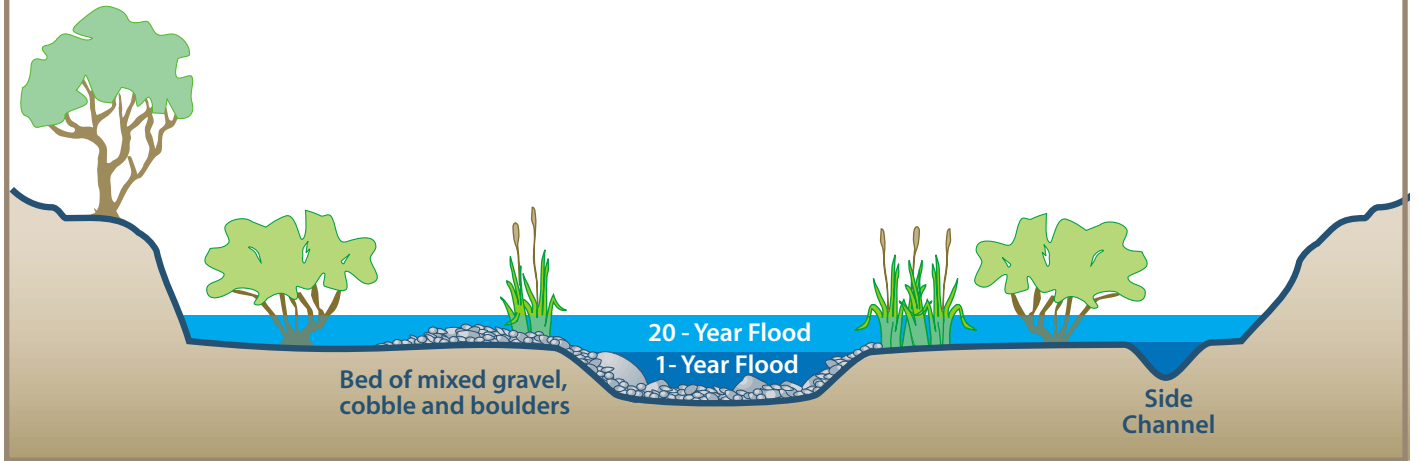


Natural River Channel

The middle reach of the Green River (RM 61-32), downstream of Howard Hanson dam to Highway 18 is showing signs of degradation by a condition called armoring.



Incised River Channel

Armoring is the removal without replacement of gravel resulting in a streambed surface layer composed primarily of large cobbles and boulders. If this condition continues it could result in significant narrowing and deepening of the channel, called channel incision. Incision and armoring can act in concert to eliminate important salmon habitat.

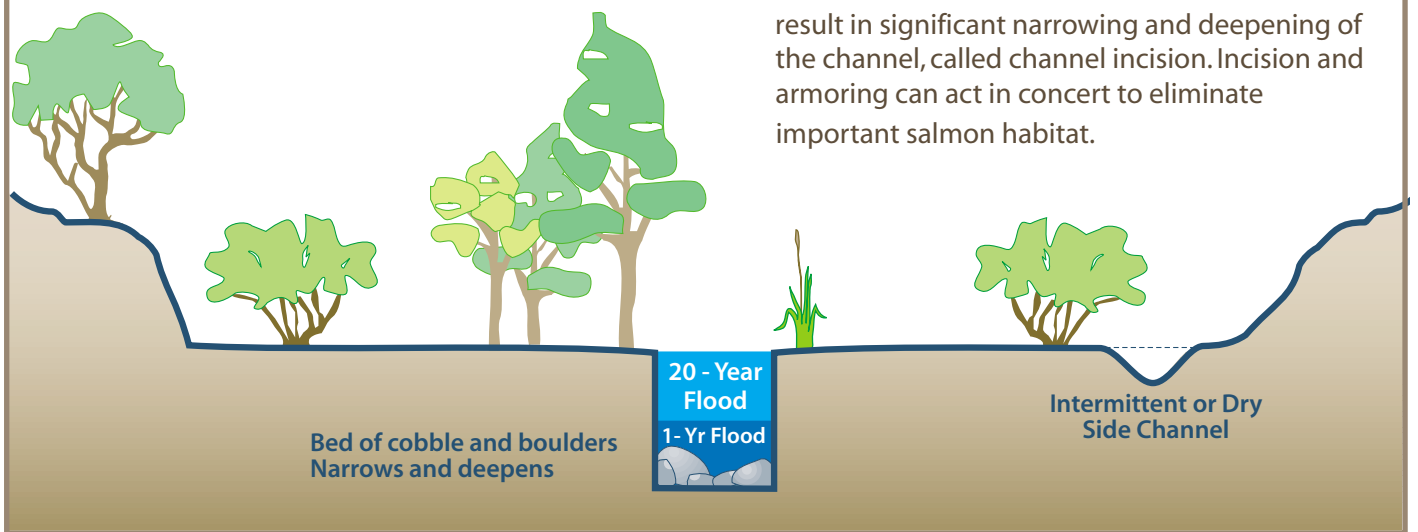


Figure SED-2

Incised Channels with Armoring



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