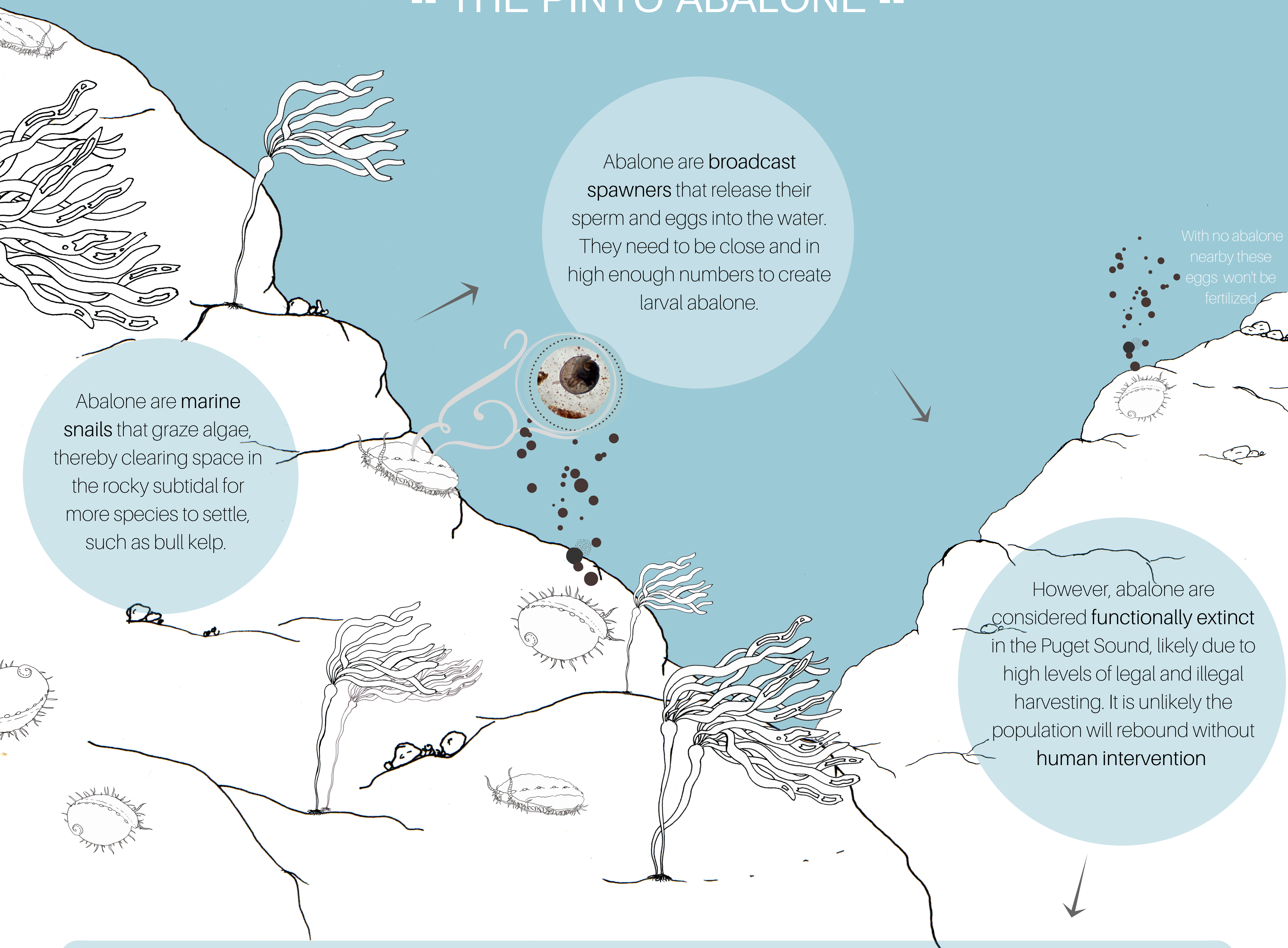
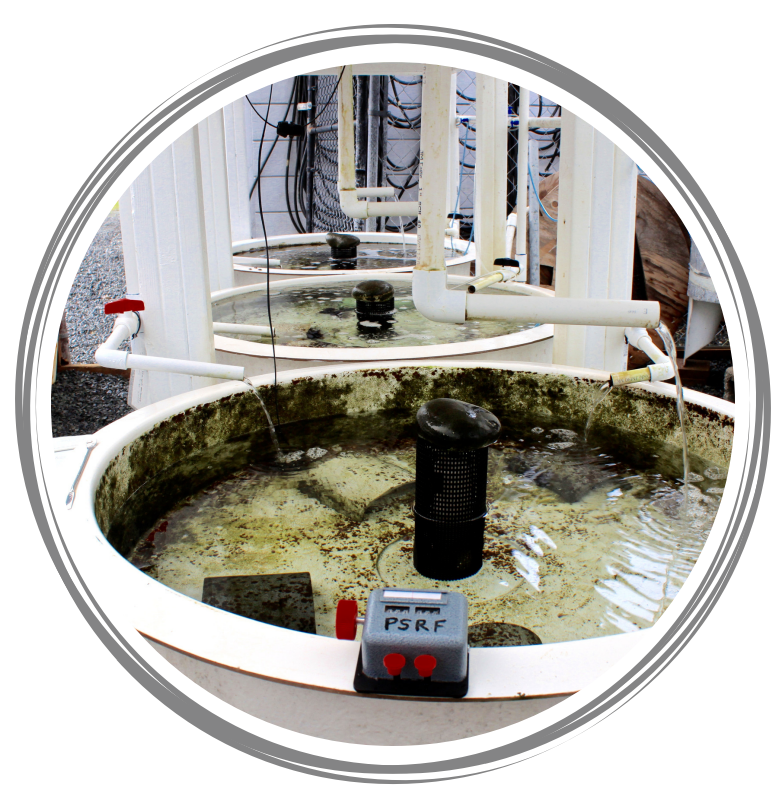


WORKING TO RESTORE A SPECIES OF CONCERN

-- THE PINTO ABALONE --



Puget Sound Restoration Fund (PSRF) is working with a highly collaborative network of state & federal government agencies, universities, and private entities to restore pinto abalone, *Haliotis kamtschatkana*, in the Puget Sound through **conservation aquaculture**.



-- Grow --

Offspring of wild-caught abalone are reared in a hatchery near Port Orchard until big enough to survive in the wild.



-- Tag --

Once they hit a certain size PSRF researchers tag the abalone for i.d. in the field. **Do you see a tagged animal in the tank?**



-- Outplant --

Once abalone are big enough, restoration groups outplant abalone into the Puget Sound at certain restoration sites.



-- Monitor --

Restoration groups monitor select sites to see how many are surviving year after year to determine if they have reached their goal.

By introducing more native abalone into the wild, restoration groups hope to create self-sustaining populations of abalone to continue to their role in promoting healthy kelp forests in the Salish Sea.