

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Dredging operation in SMA-1.



View of the containment berms for dredged sediments.

For your safety, the site is closed to the public but can be observed from the Port Gamble bluff. Please do not enter the construction site or approach equipment on the water at any time, whether you observe activity or not. Construction sites and equipment are inherently dangerous; please observe from a safe distance.

Our subtidal dredging is off to a strong start! We will continue working the extended schedule which includes double shifts and weekend work, through next week as necessary. We encountered 661 piles in the first week of dredging, all of which were extracted with the crane bucket. To date, we have had no turbidity exceedances (excess muddy water).

The millsite is quickly filling up with stockpiles of dredged subtidal sediments. These stockpiles are contained within berms while the wet sediments drain, the salts sparge out, and the soupy consistency becomes more stackable. We will later test each stockpile for contaminants of concern.

We apologize to our neighbors for the inconvenience of the night time work and night noise. The night work is necessitated by a constrained subtidal work period, because of the fish window and shellfish concerns. We plan to complete all in water work by January 14, 2017 and will keep late-hour noise minimized as much as possible.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Subtidal dredging: There will be an intensive initial pass at dredging the bulk of the subtidal wood waste. We will then transition back to daytime shifts as we complete verification cores, surveys, and move on to additional sequential activities.
- Truck traffic is still heavier than usual, please be careful in town!

Questions or concerns?

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