

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Recent Activities: 12/23/15

Please note the site is closed to the public! You are welcome to watch from the Port Gamble bluff. Cleanup work continues in full swing, with demolition, dredging, capping and material delivery during the daytime shifts, and intertidal work during the nighttime low tides.

The Port Gamble Bay Cleanup activities the past week included:

- Removal of overwater structures and visible piles within SMA-2 is complete for the first year of cleanup. Pier 4 and the Transload facility will be removed during final stages of construction next year. Shoreline bank excavation/capping is 89% complete and included piling removal. This effort occurs during low tides, including nighttime winter work.
- Nearly 3,000 tons of clean materials for capping arrived (61,141 tons to date).
- A total of 2,733 piles have been removed, 95% of these were creosote.
- Eight loads of creosote were trucked off-site for disposal (83 loads to date).
- 16,491 cubic yards of sediments have been removed during the intertidal excavation.
- 13,928 cubic yards of wood waste and sediments have been dredged from the subtidal area.
- The Sampling from the survey vessel verifies wood waste removal with core sampling and testing and water monitoring is performed to ensure protection of the bay.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Ongoing work includes stockpiling and loading an array of capping materials. Import of materials will slow with the January 14 2016 deadline for year-one in-water work.
- Nighttime shoreline bank excavation and capping is approaching completion.
- Dredging efforts have encountered significant wood debris and has made slow progress using a closed environmental bucket. There are now two subtidal dredging operations but it is clear that some dredge work in SMA-2) will need to be finished in year two.
- Capping will continue through mid-January but some capping with in SMA-2 will also need to be finished in year two.
- More in-water monitoring cores and surveys will be conducted to verify dredging and capping.
- Truck traffic remains heavy, please be careful in town! 60 -70 round trip truck trips per day.

Questions or concerns? Project information line: 888-707-8663; email: info@PortGambleBayCleanup.com

