

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Before: The Former Log Transfer Facility



During: A few piles left at the Former Log Transfer Facility



After: Pile pulling & pier demolition complete at Former Log Transfer Facility

Please note that the site is closed to the public! You are welcome to observe from the Port Gamble bluff.

Season 2 construction is off to a great start - all activities are proceeding as expected. The summer months of the construction season are focused on pile pulling, demolishing old structures, intertidal excavation, and capping a 61-acre area in the central bay south of the mill site. The stockpiling of clean material will continue throughout the construction. This will at times result in significant truck traffic – as many as 30 round trips each day! Please be careful in town.

Important note: A shoreline access point in Port Gamble Heritage Park is temporarily closed while we remove the Former Log Transfer Facility. It is expected to re-open to the public after the Parks dept. completes some improvements. The park & trails on the west (upland) side of Highway 104 remain open as usual.

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup Season 2 activities completed or in process:

- Water quality monitoring has been ongoing, with *no* exceedances to date.
- Pile and concrete removal has begun on the jetty north of the mill site.
- 16,077 tons of sand have been stockpiled onsite.
- 2,952 tons of various sized armor rock have been stockpiled onsite.
- 1626 piles have been pulled since our June 16 start date.
- 155 tons of asphalt have been hauled offsite for recycling.
- 529 tons of creosote have been hauled offsite for proper disposal.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Intertidal excavation will begin in the area north of the mill site.
- Shellfish and biotoxin monitoring will begin when intertidal excavation begins. Marine biotoxins are poisons produced by certain types of algae that are naturally found in the bay. We monitor the amounts of these algae to insure our work doesn't cause an unusually large amount (often referred to as a "bloom"), which could have a negative impact on humans and animals who consume shellfish from the bay. These algae blooms often occur naturally as well, unrelated to the cleanup.
- As work at the Former Log Transfer Facility and the cleanup in former landfills 4A and 4B wrap up, vessel activity will be more concentrated at the north end of the mill site, and in the central bay south of the mill site.

Questions or concerns?

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