

# Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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As fall blows in, all the cleanup sediments and debris have been moved off the mill site, and all creosote and sediments that tested more contaminated have been sent off site to secure landfills. Most of dredged sediments and wood waste containing low levels of contaminants have been placed within a secure limited purpose landfill located south of Port Gamble and covered with a 2-foot-thick clean sand cap to ensure protection. The trucks, cranes, excavators, barges, flaggers and construction noise are done.

The trail loop from the Beaver Pond to Port Gamble is open to trail users, though the Port Gamble Trailhead parking remains closed until the grass is established. Quiet has returned to Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site.

## **Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site In-Water Cleanup has been completed by Pope Resources/OPG**

- 8,592 pilings removed
- Over 110,000 cubic yards of wood waste and sediments removed
- 200 tons of clean cap & habitat materials placed
- Over 106 acres cleaned up
- 1.3 acres of over-water structures removed



2017 Mill Site and Port Gamble Bay **after**  
In-Water Cleanup



2014 Mill Site shoreline  
**before** In-Water Cleanup

# NEW UPDATE!

## Uplands (land) portion of the Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site Cleanup

Now that the aquatic cleanup has been successfully completed, Pope Resources and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) are refocusing on completing the upland cleanup.

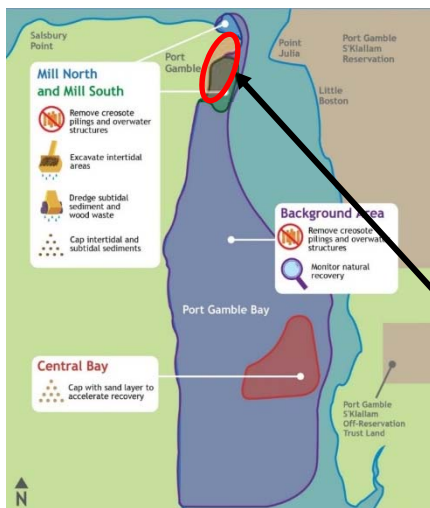
The upland portion of the site is generally located on the west shore of Port Gamble Bay, east of N. Rainier Ave. in Port Gamble. Pope Resources and Ecology are jointly entering an Agreed Order that establishes the process for determining what needs to be cleaned up. The cleanup itself will be established as part of a forthcoming Cleanup Action Plan that will be made enforceable through a Consent Decree after the tasks in the Agreed Order have been completed.

What has already happened in the uplands cleanup:

- 2001-2003: Removal of historic landfills from the Port Gamble Bay shoreline
- 2002-2005: Approximately 26,310 tons of contaminated soils excavated from mill site uplands, successfully removing soils with elevated hydrocarbon and metal concentrations
- 2003-2016: Groundwater monitoring to verify the protectiveness of earlier upland cleanup actions in successfully reducing hydrocarbon and metal (arsenic and mercury) concentrations

Next Steps

- Review of draft Agreed Order and Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
- Additional soil testing on the mill site and adjacent uplands
- Additional cleanup requirements to be determined



Approximate location of historic and anticipated future cleanup activities; the Agreed Order requires sampling outside of this area to delineate the site boundary

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