

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Recent Activities: 10/08/15

The Port Gamble Bay Cleanup is moving along! This week the intertidal work starts early; 5 a.m. to follow the low tides. Piles are being removed from SMA-2 in the area just south of the eastern wharf and demolition of overwater structures in the intertidal area has begun. Pulled creosote piles and concrete debris is being moved to the processing areas. In SMA-1 (north) the transfer span is being strengthened for the conveyor, and the floats and gangway are being set up to provide marine access for small boats. The water quality monitoring team completed three cycles of intensive testing, with no exceedances.

Planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Another spud barge will arrive late this week.
- Intertidal pile removal work will move to night shifts on Monday October 12. This work has to occur at night to access the shoreline when tides are low. We are using best management practices to minimize nighttime noise. Lights will be necessary.
- Silt fencing, truck scales & the truck wheel washing station will be complete soon.
- Truck traffic will include delivery of sand and removal of piling & debris from the Mill Site.
- Placement of the eelgrass habitat mitigation bench will be underway next week. Harvesting eelgrass from impacted areas (for spring replanting) will follow the habitat bench placement.
- Transload facility installation (to transfer contaminated sediments off barges) is planned to utilize the low tides that begin October 14.
- Removal of subtidal pilings may start late this week.

You are welcome to watch the progress from the Port Gamble bluff but the site is closed to the public! Project hotline: 888-707-8663.

Please note: **THE CONSTRUCTION SITE IS COMPLETELY CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS.** If you have business on the site, you **MUST** check in at Orion's trailer, which is adjacent to the gate.



For questions or concerns, call the Port Gamble Bay Cleanup Information Line at 1-888-707-8663, email us at: info@portgamblebaycleanup.com or visit the project website at: www.portgamblebaycleanup.com. For additional information about the project, visit Ecology's website at: www.ecy.wa.gov/cleanup/3444.html.

