

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Pile removal, bank excavation and capping



Clean capping material being placed after bank excavation completed



A water truck keeping the dust down during construction

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

The summer months of the construction season continue to be focused on pile pulling, demolishing old structures, intertidal excavation, and capping with clean material a 61-acre area in the central bay south of the mill site. The stockpiling of clean material will continue throughout the construction season. This will at times result in significant truck traffic – as many as 30 round trips each day! Please be careful in town. In addition, there are road construction projects in other areas of North Kitsap that may impact the amount of traffic in Port Gamble for the rest of August.

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 Kitsap County Parks Department completes some improvements. The park & trails on the west (upland) side of Highway 104 remain open as usual.

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

- Water quality monitoring has been ongoing, with *no* exceedances to date.
- Pile removal has begun on the jetty. Area with concrete removed to access pilings will be replaced with rock.
- 19,299 tons of sand have been stockpiled onsite.
- 3,270 tons of various sized armor rock have been stockpiled onsite.
- 1765 piles have been pulled since our June 16 start date – 327 in just this past week!
- 155 tons of asphalt have been hauled offsite for recycling.
- 613 tons of creosoted piles have been hauled offsite for proper disposal.
- We have water trucks onsite working to control the dust plumes that occur when clean material is stockpiled on site and during other construction activities.
- Intertidal excavation to remove contaminated sediments and creosoted pilings has begun in the area north of the mill site. These activities are followed closely by capping with clean material.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Shellfish and biotoxin monitoring will begin soon. We monitor the amounts of these algae to insure our work doesn't cause an unusually large amount (often referred to as a "bloom"). These algae blooms often occur naturally as well, unrelated to cleanup activities.
- 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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