

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Diver assisted pile pulling



Creosoted piles ready for disposal



Placing clean cap in central bay

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

The low tides of summer have helped us get off to a great start this construction season! Work continues on intertidal excavation and capping a 61-acre area in the central bay south of the mill site with clean material. At times there will be 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 are impacting the amount of traffic in Port Gamble for the remainder of summer.

Important note: A shoreline access point in Port Gamble Heritage Park is temporarily closed while additional work is done at the Former Log Transfer Facility. The beach in that location remains very soft from the extensive demolition work, and is closed for safety reasons. 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.
- 25,693 tons of clean sand have been stockpiled onsite.
- 3,905 tons of various sized armor rock have been stockpiled onsite.
- 2,186 piles have been pulled this season – including 465 submerged piles off the eastern wharf that required 8 days of diver assistance. This brings our total for both seasons to 5,608 piles removed, with only two piles broken and 100% of piles completely removed. That is a remarkable achievement!
- 967 tons of concrete have been hauled offsite for recycling.
- 857 tons of creosoted piles have been hauled offsite for proper disposal.
- Shellfish and biotoxin monitoring began last week.
- Intertidal excavation to remove contaminated sediments and creosote piles has begun in the area north of the mill site. These activities are followed closely by capping areas of the site with clean material.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- We anticipate early morning work on Thursday and Friday of this week, to take advantage of low tides. Work will start between 3:00 and 4:00 am.
- Vessel activity continues to be 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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