

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Clean capping material (sand) being put onto a conveyor for loading onto a barge.



Barge and crane placing clean capping material in the central part of the bay (SMA-3).

The site is closed to the public but can be observed from the Port Gamble bluff. Be careful around truck traffic.

We are continuing to move forward with our capping operation in the central part of Port Gamble Bay. Over 296,042 square yards of clean sand have been placed in SMA-3 in an effort to enhance the natural recovery process. We anticipate the SMA-3 capping to wrap up by the end of September. There have been no water quality monitoring exceedances for turbidity so far in Season 2.

Next week we will be stabilizing the temporary transload facility located on the southern part of the eastern wharf of the millsite, in preparation for in-water dredging. This work will involve driving 12 pilings using a vibratory hammer. The transload and the other loading facilities will be removed after the dredge work is completed, in advance of the January 14, 2017 end of in-water work.

Sub-tidal dredging in SMA-1 and SMA-2 begins October 17th. There will be two crane set-ups working simultaneously in both the northern and southern parts of the millsite, to facilitate the completion of this work within a very constrained time frame. This will be the busiest time for season two construction.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Vessel activity is primarily in the central bay south of the mill site, with daily moves to load the barges.
- The large crane barge is scheduled to arrive near the mill site, either late this week or early next week.
- In-water dredging is scheduled to begin October 17th in both SMA-1 and SMA-2.

Questions or concerns?

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