

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Former location of Pier 4 area where additional dredging for wood waste is planned.



Pile processing area.

For your safety, the site is closed to the public but can be observed from the Port Gamble bluff. Please do not enter the construction site or approach equipment on the water at any time, whether you observe activity or not. Construction sites and equipment are inherently dangerous; please observe from a safe distance.

Ecology has determined that an area in SMA-2 near the recently demolished Pier 4 will require further dredging to remove wood waste. During our recent dredging operation we removed more pilings than anticipated, bringing our project total to nearly **8,000**. Many of the recent removals were natural wood pilings without creosote (“barkies”, some even visibly hand hewn). Creosote pilings are being trucked offsite for disposal at a properly certified landfill.

We are capping with clean material in the areas where dredging was completed in SMA-1 and SMA-2. The importing of clean capping materials is picking up. Please be aware of increased truck traffic in town.

We continue monitoring water quality and to date have had no turbidity exceedances.

We will be working night and weekend shifts through this Saturday. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes our neighbors.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Confirming dredge goals: Surveying and confirming wood waste removal of recently dredged areas.
- Subtidal capping: We have started placing clean capping material in the areas of SMA-1 and SMA-2 that are confirmed complete.

Questions or concerns?

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