

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Mill Site 2011



Mill Site 2016

For your safety, the site remains closed to the public but can be observed from the Port Gamble bluff. Please do not enter the construction site or sediment stockpile areas from land or water at any time. Construction sites and equipment are inherently dangerous; please observe from a safe distance.

We are pleased to announce that the in-water Cleanup construction was completed January 14! The amount of subtidal dredging and piling removal was much greater than anticipated. This required the cleanup team to work around the clock for much of the last three months to meet the permit deadline. A big thank you to Pope Resources' consultant, Anchor QEA, and contractor Orion Marine Group, for their tireless effort to accomplish this extraordinary task. Many thanks as well to local contractors and suppliers including MJ Trucking, Zimmer Construction, New Shine and Pyramid quarries. Additionally, Ecology thanks Pope Resources and Olympic Property Group for their committed effort in completing the active in-water cleanup on schedule.

Some preliminary numbers from the two seasons of this project include:

- 8,598 pilings pulled. This is one of the largest piling removal projects in Washington state history.
- 120,000 cubic yards of marine sediments excavated or dredged.
- 202,711 tons of clean capping and habitat materials imported and placed.
- 6,626 tons of concrete, asphalt recycled and creosoted piles disposed of in an approved waste facility.

Key planned actions include:

- Demobilization of the construction site and departure of construction equipment and barges.
- Sediment stockpile management will continue.
- Next "Construction Update" will be issued in May 2017 regarding onsite or other cleanup related activities.

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