

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Pilings being removed during SMA-2 dredging.



Barkies and creosote pilings pulled from the bay.

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.

We are happy to announce the completion of evening and weekend work for this phase of the project. With this big push, the first pass of dredging was completed in SMA-2 last Saturday and will hopefully be done in SMA-1 this week. Once the first passes are done, we will survey the dredge work, conduct confirmatory sampling, and re-dredge the areas that need it.

We have encountered and successfully removed 1,664 pilings since subtidal dredging began on October 17th, bringing our total number of pilings pulled in Season 2 to just over 4,000. This is much more than was anticipated. Most of the pilings removed with the subtidal dredging are not creosote-treated; they are largely natural logs, many with the original bark intact that are referred to as "barkies".

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

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- The demolition of Pier 4 on the south part of the millsite.
- Surveying and confirmatory cores of recently dredged areas.
- Subtidal capping: We have started laying down clean capping material in SMA-2 in those dredged areas that were confirmed complete.

Questions or concerns?

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