

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Dredged wood waste being loaded onto a barge.



Confirmatory sediment cores being collected.

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.

Subtidal dredging is going well. We're working double shifts and weekends as necessary to assure that we can complete in-water work by the mid-January deadline. Thank you for your patience.

Crews began collecting confirmatory sampling cores last week; these cores confirm the extent of remaining wood waste or native sediments. We've had some delays for equipment repairs but hope to complete the initial dredge passes soon, and focus on the confirmatory sampling and surveys. We anticipate the need for some follow-up dredging, until sampling results confirm that we've finished.

Double shifts may continue through this Saturday night, and we apologize to our neighbors for the inconvenience of the nighttime work and noise. The need to protect fish and shellfish limits the allowable subtidal work period.

We continue monitoring water quality and to date have had no turbidity exceedances. As we are in the windy and rainy season, turbidity near the shoreline may be naturally occurring as is typical.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Subtidal capping: Once areas are confirmed as being adequately dredged, we will start laying down clean capping material.
- Though it's not as heavy as it was, truck traffic is still heavy. Please be careful in town!

Questions or concerns?

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