

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Before: Removal of intertidal piles and asphalt from Eastern Wharf.



During: The Eastern Wharf with clean materials.



After: The SMA-1 shoreline with clean materials at a higher tide.

Please note that the site is closed to the public! You are welcome to observe from the Port Gamble bluff.

The low tides of summer have helped us get off to a great start this construction season! We continue to be focused on pile pulling, intertidal excavation, and capping a 61-acre area in the central bay south of the mill site with clean material. At times there will be significant truck traffic – as many as 30 round trips each day! Please be careful in town. In addition, there are road construction projects in other areas of North Kitsap that may impact the amount of traffic in Port Gamble for the rest of August.

Important note: A shoreline access point in Port Gamble Heritage Park is temporarily closed while we remove the Former Log Transfer Facility. The park & trails on the west (upland) side of Highway 104 remain open as usual.

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup Season 2 construction activities in process or completed:

- Water quality monitoring has been ongoing, with *no* exceedances to date.
- 23,769 tons of clean sand have been stockpiled onsite.
- 3,609 tons of various sized armor rock have been stockpiled onsite.
- 2,101 piles have been pulled since our June 16 start date, bringing our total for both seasons to 5,413 piles pulled!
- 769 tons of concrete have been hauled offsite for recycling.
- 749 tons of creosoted piles have been hauled offsite for proper disposal.
- Shellfish and biotoxin monitoring will begin this week. Marine biotoxins are poisons produced by certain types of algae that are naturally found in the bay. We monitor the amounts of these algae to insure that our work doesn't contribute to an algal bloom, caused by an unusually large amount of algae. This could be toxic to those humans and animals who consume shellfish from the bay. These algae blooms may occur naturally, unrelated to the Cleanup.
- We have a water truck on the site at all times to help control dust. The warm, dry weather we are experiencing is contributing to the amount of dust seen when clean material is stockpiled on site and during other construction activities.
- Intertidal excavation to remove contaminated sediments and creosote piles has begun in the area north of the mill site. These activities are followed closely by capping areas of the site with clean material.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Vessel activity will be more concentrated at the north end of the mill site and in the central bay south of the mill site.
- More activity is expected at the Former Log Transfer Facility as we work to remove a submerged, derelict vessel during low tides.

Questions or concerns?

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