

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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The DB Rainier crane setup in SMA-2.



The DB Rainier performing subtidal dredging in SMA-2.



Subtidal dredge spoils being offloaded from a barge.

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 operations have commenced in both SMA-1 (north part of the mill site) and SMA-2 (south part of the mill site). Now that the fish window has opened, we are working double shifts, Saturdays, and possibly some Sundays for about three weeks. The first shift will run from 6:00am to 4:30pm, the second shift from 4:00pm to 2:30am, and offloading between midnight and noon. The double shifts are necessary to ensure we finish by the January 14 cleanup permit deadline for in-water work. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We are over half way through importing capping materials to the mill site. To date we have imported nearly 100,000 tons of a combination of clean sand, armor rock, filter material and habitat material.

Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- Subtidal dredging, dredging and more dredging! There will be an initial pass at dredging wood waste followed by work that can only happen after the primary dredging is complete.
- The water quality monitoring schedule has become more intensive with the start-up of the subtidal dredging work. To date, we have had no turbidity exceedances.
- Truck traffic will be increasing as more materials are brought on site, please be careful in town!

Questions or concerns?

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