

# Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

10/06/2016



*Clean capping material being placed in SMA-1.*



*Intensive water quality monitoring for subtidal capping in SMA-1.*

**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.**

This week we are continuing subtidal capping operations in both SMA-1 (northern portion of millsite) and SMA-2 (southern portion of millsite). We actively monitor water quality and there have been no exceedances in Season 2. In August there was concern about turbidity in Port Gamble Bay. The Washington State Department of Ecology, in addition to their normal marine monitoring activities in Hood Canal, agreed to add an additional sampling location in Port Gamble Bay on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Results attribute reduced visibility near the surface (2-3m) to a moderate algal bloom seen broadly throughout Hood Canal that is not related to construction activities.

Additional work within the County Shoreline Park was completed this week to address Pope Resources' concerns that concrete tie-backs were becoming exposed. Approximately 600 cubic yards of additional sediment and concrete were removed from the shoreline park.

### **Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:**

- Vessel activity is primarily in the areas of the bay closest to the northern and southern ends of the mill site.
- One barge and crane set-up will depart over the weekend and will return to Port Gamble Bay next week.
- Installation of temporary piles at barging mooring area in SMA-1 to facilitate material handling.
- Subtidal dredging in SMA-1 and SMA-2 begins October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Truck traffic will be increasing, please be careful in town!

### **Questions or concerns?**

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