

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Before Cleanup: SMA-1 intertidal area, jetty towards the north end of the millsite.



After Cleanup: SMA-1 intertidal area.

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 construction 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 have completed the capping in SMA -3 (the central part of Port Gamble Bay). This week we are beginning 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 water quality monitoring exceedances in Season 2.

The temporary transload facility, used to transfer materials, is on the southern part of the millsite's eastern wharf. You may hear the 12 pilings being driven in by vibratory hammer to stabilize it. The transload and the other loading facilities will be removed at the end of the project, in advance of the January 14, 2017 end of in-water work.

Subtidal dredging in SMA-1 and SMA-2 begins October 17th. Two crane set-ups will work simultaneously in both the northern and southern parts of the millsite. This will facilitate completion of subtidal dredging within a very constrained time frame. This will be the busiest time for season two construction.

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.
- In-water dredging is scheduled to begin October 17th in both SMA-1 and SMA-2.
- Truck traffic will be increasing, please be careful in town!

Questions or concerns?

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