

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Large crane and barge set up ready for dredging.



Installation of temporary piles for the SMA-1 loading/mooring facility.

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.

We are gearing up to start subtidal dredging operations in both SMA-1 (north part of the mill site) and SMA-2 (south part of the mill site) next Monday, October 17th. This is the most complex and time-constrained portion of our work in Season 2. It may be necessary to work some double shifts in the first couple of weeks to insure we are finished by the January 14 cleanup permit deadline.

Last week the installation of the temporary piles in the SMA-1 loading/mooring area was completed and the offload platform was constructed in the transload area. Precautionary marine mammal monitoring was conducted during installation, but there were no Orca whales spotted. We are now ready for the busy subtidal dredge season!

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.
- The water quality monitoring schedule will become more intensive with the start-up of the subtidal dredging work. To date, we have had no turbidity exceedances.
- One barge and crane set-up will return to Port Gamble Bay this week.
- Truck traffic will be increasing, please be careful in town!

Questions or concerns?

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