

Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Recent Activities: 10/15/15

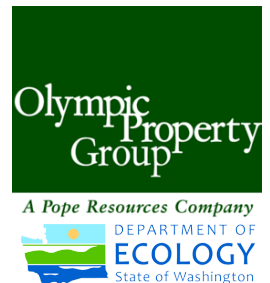
The Port Gamble Bay Cleanup is gaining momentum, some activities the past week included:

- As of Monday 435 piles have been removed. By the end of this week, most of the piles in SMA-2 that can be removed from the shoreline will be out. This requires work during days and nights.
- Began riprap removal in the southern portion of the site progressing to the north. Archaeological training for contractors was held last week. Nothing of historical significance was found during the first intensive period of archaeological monitoring.
- The water quality monitoring team found no exceedances.
- The structural work to ready the transfer span for the conveyor, the float and gangway work (in SMA-1 north), and the preconstruction survey are completed.

Orion Construction is following best management practices to manage necessary lighting during low tide nighttime work. Some key planned actions during the next few weeks include:

- This week the intertidal work shifted to nights (9 p.m.-6 a.m.) but next week we'll be back to the 5 a.m. early start. In addition to the daytime work, we anticipate the typical schedule for work following low tides to continue shifting between late nights and very early mornings.
- Truck traffic is increasing, please be careful in town! There may be up to 60 roundtrip truck trips per day stockpiling sand and removing creosote piles and concrete rubble from the Mill Site. This level of truck traffic will be typical for weekdays (less truck traffic on weekends).
- Nighttime construction during low tides will include installing the bulkhead transload facility and conveyor; and pulling intertidal pilings.
- Daytime construction will include removing subtidal pilings (began late last week); intertidal riprap removal (the barge with the crane) and bringing in a Komatsu Dozer.
- The derrick barge may arrive next week; capping and sediment barges will arrive late October. All of these barges will be used for the subtidal dredging and capping work starting Nov. 1.
- Harvesting eelgrass from impacted areas (for spring replanting) began this week.

You are welcome to watch the progress from the Port Gamble bluff but the site is closed to the public! Project hotline: 888-707-8663.



For questions or concerns, call the Port Gamble Bay Cleanup Information Line at 1-888-707-8663, email us at: info@portgamblebaycleanup.com or visit the project website at: www.portgamblebaycleanup.com. For additional information about the project, visit Ecology's website at: www.ecy.wa.gov/cleanup/3444.html.