

# Port Gamble Bay Cleanup CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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*Former location of Pier 4 area – pre-dredging*



*Former location of Pier 4 area – post-dredging*

**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 dangerous; please observe from a safe distance.**

Last week 7,000 cubic yards of woodwaste was dredged or dug up near the former Pier 4 on the south side of the millsite. Final remnants of a sunken vessel near the former log transfer facility (now Shoreline Heritage Park) had surfaced and were removed.

Sediment samples will be taken this week to confirm that wood waste removal action is completed. Ongoing subtidal dredging is nearly complete. Capping continues with placing a subtidal cap in completed dredged areas both north and south of the mill site and placing a thick cap of clean material and backfill at the Pier 4 excavation.

This week we will import large amounts of clean capping materials, as much as 1,100 tons a day. Please be aware of increased truck traffic in town.

Our water quality monitoring has shown no turbidity exceedances to date. Winter storm season may cause a natural increase in shoreline turbidity during wind events. This turbidity is not necessarily related to the in-water construction work.

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

- Importing thousands of tons of clean cap materials.
- Surveying and confirming wood waste removal in the area near the former Pier 4.
- Subtidal capping in areas confirmed complete.
- The DB Rainier will be leaving our construction site at the end of the week.

#### **Questions or concerns?**

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