

# Draft Cleanup Action Plan and Agreed Order Available for Public Review and Comment

## Public Comment Invited

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is working with the City of Gig Harbor (the City) to clean up contamination at the Eddon Boat Park site. This site will be developed as a public park when cleanup is complete. Ecology is asking for your comments on the **Agreed Order** (legal agreement), **draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)**, and **Public Participation Plan**. These documents are all available at the locations listed to the right, including Ecology's Web site.

The draft CAP outlines how the City proposes to clean up contamination at the site (see page 2 for more information about the draft CAP). All cleanup work must meet the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (70.105D RCW).

## Site Background

The Eddon Boat Park site is approximately three acres and located at **3711 and 3805 Harborview Drive in Gig Harbor**. The site consists of both the upland property and the in-water areas that are contaminated (see map on page 3). It was used as a residence, boatyard, and boathouse from the 1940s until the City bought it in 2004. The south part of the site was historically used as a gravel loading operation, city maintenance shop, and retail stores.

In 2004, voters approved a \$3.5 million bond for the City to purchase the property. Between 2005 and 2007, the City investigated soils, groundwater, and sediments at the site. This work was supported by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields grant and technical assistance from Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Currently, the City is working with Ecology's formal cleanup program for guidance with planning site cleanup.

## Site Contamination

Several contaminants have been found at the site above state cleanup levels. Cancer-causing polycyclic aromatic hydrocar-

## Comments Accepted

June 23 through July 23, 2008

### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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## DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

**Peninsula Branch Library**  
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Gig Harbor, WA 98335  
Phone: (253) 851-3793

**WA Department of Ecology  
Southwest Regional Office**  
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Contact Debbie Nelson,  
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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/eddonBoatPark/eddon\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/eddonBoatPark/eddon_hp.htm)

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bons (PAHs) are present on the upland portion of the Eddon Boat Park site. The contaminants in the sediment (tidelands and in-water) portion of the site include:

- Heavy metals – arsenic, copper, lead, and mercury.
- Organotin compounds – tri-butyltin (TBT) is a substance used in anti-fouling paints for boats.
- PAH compounds – a group of over 100 different chemicals formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gas, garbage, or other organic (carbon-containing) substances.
- Poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) - a group of toxic chemicals that are no longer produced in the United States, but can persist in the environment for decades.



### Protecting Puget Sound

This cleanup is part of Governor Gregoire's effort to help protect and restore Puget Sound. Eddon Boat Park is located on the shore of Gig Harbor, which is connected to Puget Sound.

Cleaning up the land and sediments around the harbor is an important step in making this waterway safer and healthier for humans and wildlife.

### Cleanup Actions

Under the Voluntary Cleanup Program, the City studied the site soils and groundwater. They also developed a cleanup plan for the sediments. The draft Cleanup Action Plan includes:

- Dredging contaminated sediments near the boatyard haul-out railway, pier, and dock.
- Capping less contaminated sediments.
- Removing a small area of contaminated soils north of the boathouse building.



Eddon Boat Park boathouse and marine haul-out rails.

- Removing treated timber bulkheads on the south part of the site.

### Public Participation

The City invited public participation under the Brownfields grant. Ecology developed a Public Participation Plan as a requirement of the Model Toxics Control Act. It describes public involvement opportunities and how Ecology will respond to public comments.

### Why This Cleanup Matters

Cleaning up the Eddon Boat Park site will make both the land and marine environments safer and healthier. Removing toxic substances will protect human health and the health of the local ecosystem. Once the City of Gig Harbor finishes the cleanup, the area will be developed into a public park.

### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the back page.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

**We appreciate your comments and concerns.**  
*Thank you.*

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The Eddon Boat Park site is located at 3711 and 3805 Harborview Drive in Gig Harbor. It includes upland and in-water contaminated areas.





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## **Eddon Boat Park Pierce County, WA**

### **Ecology Seeks Public Comment on the Draft Cleanup Action Plan and Agreed Order for Cleanup**

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