

# Cleaning Up Whatcom Waterway in Bellingham Bay

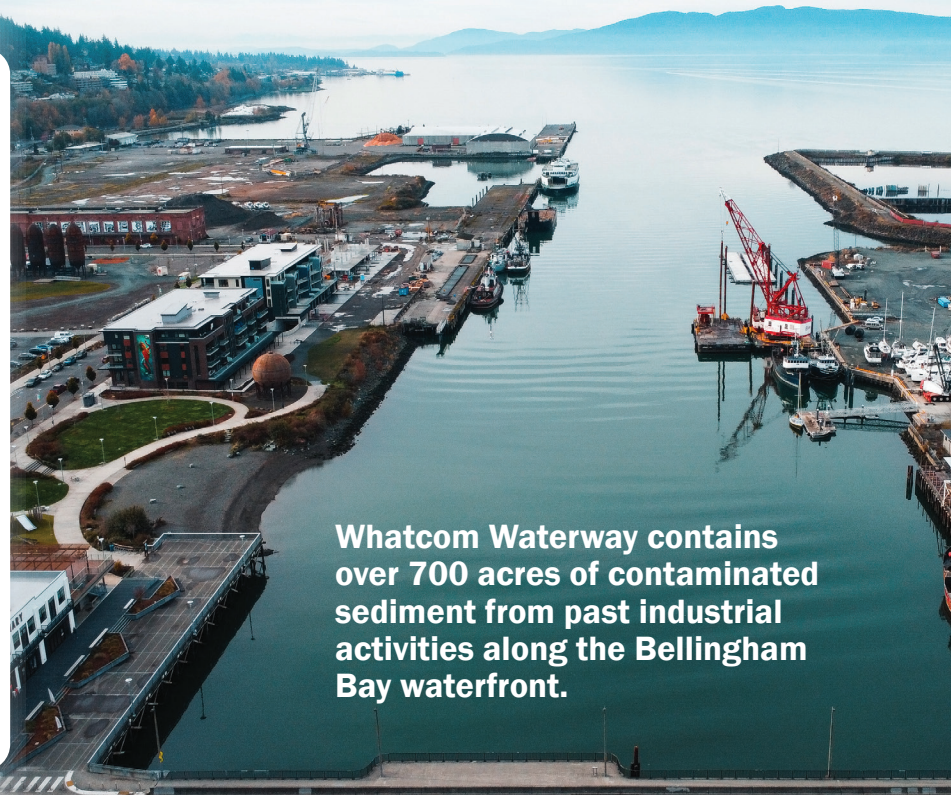


**We started cleaning up contaminated sediment in Whatcom Waterway in 2001** and this will continue for several more years. The work may temporarily impact the aquatic environment, increase air emissions, and make noise. However, in the long term, it will improve the health of the bay, increase habitat for salmon, and support redevelopment.

Ecology awarded the Port of Bellingham a grant of \$37 million to continue this cleanup. This substantial investment requires an Environmental Justice Assessment.

**Help us understand how we can reduce harmful impacts and address inequities.**

 **We want to hear from you.**



**Whatcom Waterway contains over 700 acres of contaminated sediment from past industrial activities along the Bellingham Bay waterfront.**

# YOUR Voice Matters!



Toxics Cleanup Program  
913 Squalicum Way, Unit 101  
Bellingham, WA 98225

How could this cleanup benefit or impact your community? **We're listening—Please share your thoughts by March 11, 2026.**

**Take our survey!**

Go to: [www.go.ecology.wa.gov/WWSurvey](http://www.go.ecology.wa.gov/WWSurvey)

**Questions? Contact us:**

425-240-4353 | [Kristen.Forkeutis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Kristen.Forkeutis@ecy.wa.gov)



*Scan here!*

**Language Services:** We offer translation and interpretation services at no cost. Ofrecemos servicios de traducción e interpretación sin costo. Contact/Contacto: [Kristen.Forkeutis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Kristen.Forkeutis@ecy.wa.gov), (425) 240-4353

**To request an ADA accommodation,** email [Kristen.Forkeutis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Kristen.Forkeutis@ecy.wa.gov), call (425) 240-4353, or dial 711 to call through the Washington Telecommunications Relay for services like text telephone (TTY). Visit [Ecology.wa.gov/ADA](http://Ecology.wa.gov/ADA) for more accessibility information.