Anacortes Port Log Yard Cleanup Site



Anacortes Port Log Yard cleanup site, Skagit County – circa 2026

Comments accepted

12:00 AM November 14 through
11:59 PM December 13, 2026

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Site information

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Document ready for public review and comment

The Port of Anacortes is proposing to perform an interim action at the Anacortes Port Log Yard (Site), located at 718 4th Street in Anacortes. This interim action will include environmental cleanup of previously identified sediment contamination within the current and planned future operational area at Pier 61 and Wyman's Ramp commercial boat ramp facility. This interim action will also address an area with elevated levels of wood waste contamination due to the historical use of the property (former Log Haul Out).

The Interim Action Work Plan describes the types of contaminants at the Site and how the Port plans to remedy parts of the contamination.



Figure 1: Site Vicinity Map

Site location and background

Lumber and wood milling operations began in Anacortes during the late 1880s with the Bowman and Company Mill located at the intersection of 3rd Street and T Avenue. By the early 1900s, the Anacortes Sawmill, Storme and Ronnenberg Mill, and Great Northern Mill were operating in this area.

The Anacortes Port Log Yard property has a history that spans nearly a century:

- **1905:** Great Northern Mill along with 40 acres of land extending south to Cap Sante basin was purchased by the Anacortes Lumber and Box Company (ALB).
- **1941:** A.L.B. continued operations until 1941 when the property was sold to the Everett Company following a series of fires that damaged a significant portion of the mill.
- **1942:** The property was purchased by Anacortes Shipways for the construction of wooden freight and passenger boats for the Army Transport Service.
- **1965-2004:** The Port purchased the property and adjacent uplands. The Port leased the property to multiple tenants for log handling and loading operations. These operations ceased after 2004, and the Site has remained largely unchanged since.

The adjacent upland area is currently used for storing oil spill response booms, and Pier 61 is used for moorage of commercial vessels. Wyman's Ramp is used for loading and the unloading of commercial goods.



Figure 2: Pier 61 (to be demolished as part of this interim action)

Previously completed cleanup work

Multiple environmental investigations have been completed by the Port and others to evaluate sediment conditions at the Site and/or surrounding area, including:

- **2004**: Limited Environmental Due Diligence Investigation
- **2008**: Fidalgo Bay Sediment Investigation
- **2008**: Chemical and Biological Toxicity Investigation
- **2010**: Supplemental Sediment Investigation
- **2011**: Benthic Abundance Investigation
- **2013**: Pier 2 Dredged Material Characterization
- **2020**: Sediment investigation activities
- **2015**: Remedial investigation to characterize Site conditions in accordance with the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan.
- **2021**: Nearshore Sediment Characterization
- **2021**: Additional investigation activities in 2021 under RI/FS Work Plan Addendum No. 1
- **2023**: Additional investigation activities in 2023 under RI/FS Work Plan Addendum No. 2

Interim Action

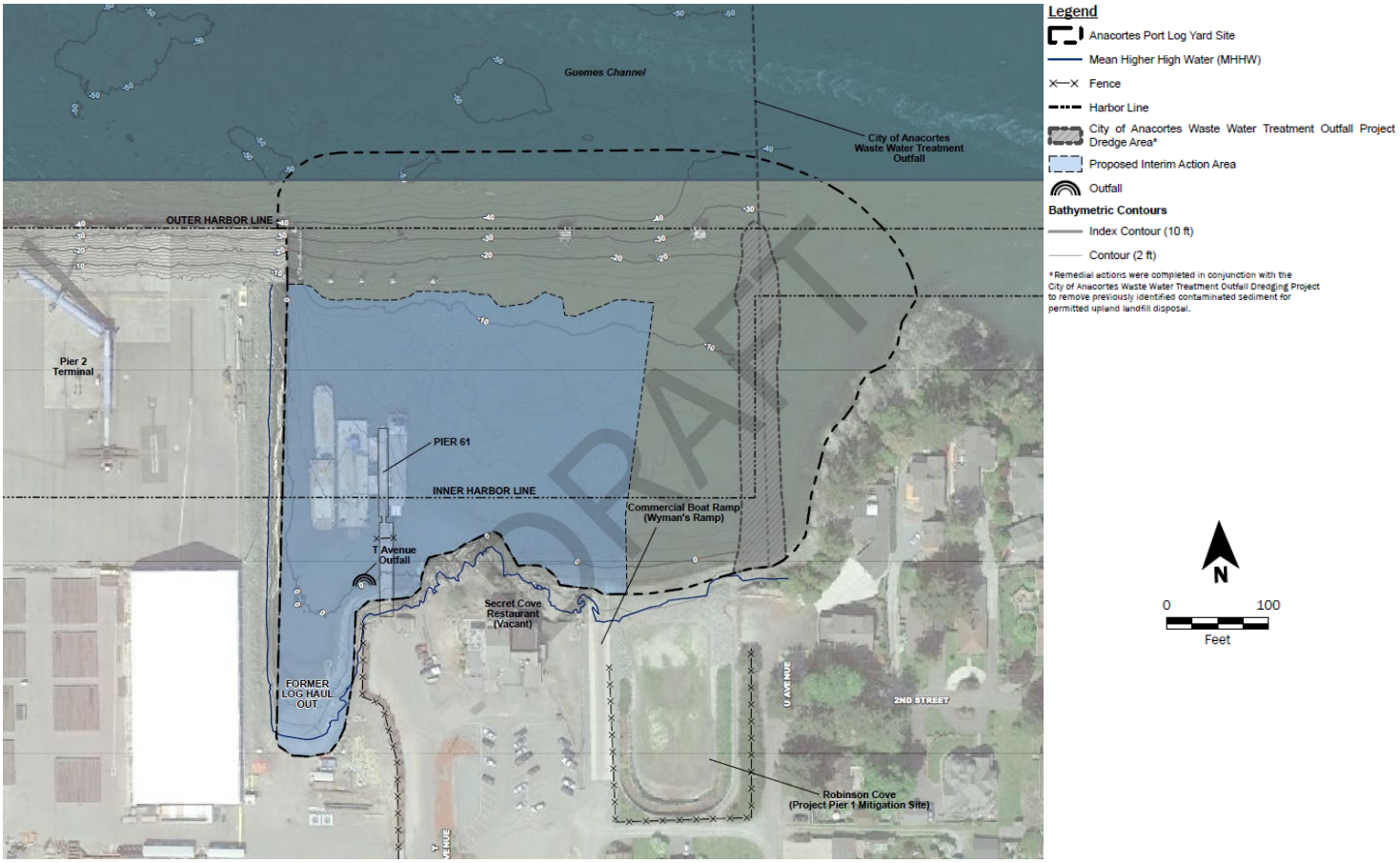


Figure 3: Current Property Layout and Proposed Interim Action Area

This interim action will occur under a legal agreement (Agreed Order) between Ecology and the Port of Anacortes. The interim action will include dredging and disposal of contaminated sediments. This will support the commercial needs of the Port, which include additional moorage space and deeper navigational depths within the planned future operational area encompassing Pier 61 and Wyman's Ramp commercial boat ramp facility. The current Pier 61 will be demolished as part of this interim action to facilitate removal of contaminated sediment in vicinity of the pier.

The Interim Action will be conducted pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70A.305.090. Accordingly, remedial actions conducted under an interim action are exempt from the procedural requirements associated with otherwise applicable state and local permits and approvals.

Permits that are still required for this interim action are:

- Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA)
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC)
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources Site Use Authorization
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approval
- City of Anacortes Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
- Other City of Anacortes Permit(s)

What happens next

Ecology will consider all comments received during this public comment period and may make changes to the interim action work plan. If the document requires significant changes, we will hold another public comment period. If not, Ecology will finalize the document.

This interim action will not foreclose cleanup of the remainder of the Site. Following completion of this interim action, Ecology and the Port of Anacortes will evaluate options for cleaning up the remaining contamination at the Site (feasibility study) and planning the cleanup (cleanup action plan).

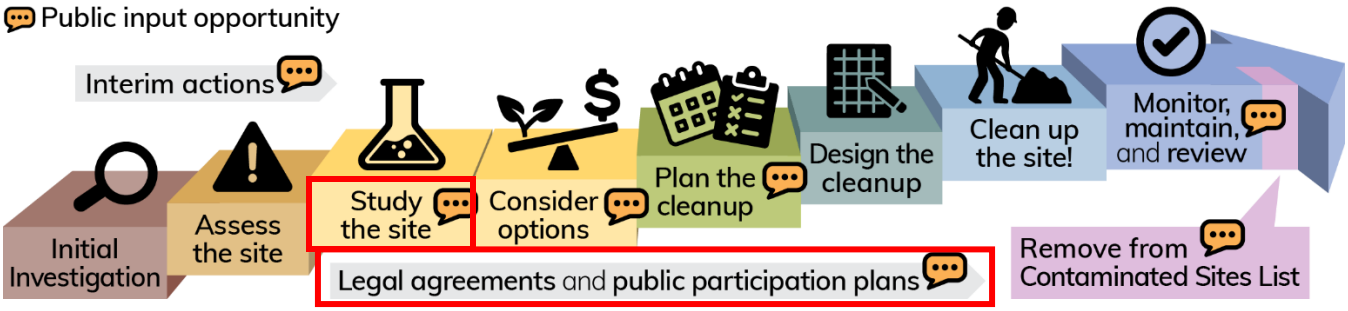
Project Timeline

Dredging of contaminated sediment and wood waste, and other interim action activities will occur within the 2028/2029 in-water work window, pending approval of applicable permits and completion of other state and local requirements.

Ecology's cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)[1] is Washington's environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. Ecology is responsible for administering MTCA, including the oversight or management of cleanups. The MTCA cleanup process[2] is completed in steps (see graphic below) over a variable timeline.

After the draft remedial investigation and updated public participation plan—both outlined in red below—are finalized for the Anacortes Port Log Yard cleanup site, the "consider options" step can proceed.



Washington's formal cleanup process

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