

Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan Available for Review



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE study

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The Department of Ecology is planning a study of regional background sediment contaminant levels for the north Olympic Peninsula. We will compare these levels with contamination levels in Port Angeles Harbor. This will help us evaluate options for cleaning up the harbor. In the future, we may also use these levels for comparisons with Port Townsend Bay and other bays along the north Olympic Peninsula.

Regional Background: This study will give us data about levels of contaminants that are not from any specific source. This type of **background** sediment contamination may come from diffuse regional sources like vehicle exhaust or stormwater.

Background levels of contaminants can vary between regions around the state. To find the north Olympic Peninsula **regional background**, we plan to take sediment samples from Dungeness Bay, Sequim Bay, and Discovery Bay (see map below).

This study will help Ecology implement the Sediment Management Standards (SMS), which is the state's cleanup rule for sediments.

Comments and Questions Invited

We are accepting comments and questions on the **sampling and analysis plan**. Please bring your questions and comments to a public forum (see back page) or submit them by **April 24, 2013** so that we can consider them as we finalize the plan. The box to the right shows how to review the plan and submit comments.

We will finalize the plan in late April and do sampling in early summer 2013. We plan to make the sampling data report available late this year.



North Olympic Peninsula regional background sampling areas

Comments and Questions Accepted

Through April 24, 2013

Send Comments and Questions to:

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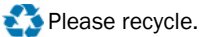
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Public Forums

Ecology invites you to a public forum to:

- Present the regional background study plan.
- Answer your questions about the plan.
- Discuss your comments and recommendations about details of the plan. Please bring your ideas!

Port Angeles

April 8, 2013, 7—8:30 p.m.

Elwha Heritage Training Center
401 E. First St., Port Angeles

Port Townsend

April 9, 2013, noon—1:30 p.m.

Northwest Maritime Center
431 Water St., Port Townsend

Light refreshments will be served.