



DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Cornet Bay Marina (Cleanup ID#: 5048)

**Responsiveness Summary for the Consent
Decree, Remedial Investigation and Feasibility
Study Report, Cleanup Action Plan, Public
Participation Plan, State Environmental Policy
Act Determination**

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Background Information

A consent decree was signed between Ecology and the property owner in 1993 to conduct site characterization and cleanup. A remedial investigation/feasibility study and cleanup action plan are requirements under the consent decree. Several site investigations have been conducted over the years as funding was available and the extent of the contamination has been delineated. Ecology has received sufficient funding to clean up this Site during the 2013-2015 biennium.

The Site is associated with a marina located on 200 Cornet Bay Road in Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island. It is bounded on the west by Cornet Bay and on the east by Cornet Bay Road and mixed residential homes and light commercial land uses. Deception Pass State Park is immediately adjacent to the north of the Site. The marina was constructed in the 1960s and has been in operation since then. The Site, which covers approximately 1.1 acres of upland property, includes a store building, a gravel parking lot, and a 330-foot-long aging wooden bulkhead that separates the upland facility from the marina. Fuel is provided to boats via a vaulted underground storage tank.

The Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process.

An initial public comment period was held July 26 – August 26, 2013 on the Cornet Bay Consent Decree documents which includes comments on the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, Draft Cleanup Action Plan, and Draft Public Participation Plan, and State Environmental Policy Act Determination.

Ecology has reviewed the State Environmental Policy Act checklist and has determined that no significant adverse environmental impacts will be caused by implementing this cleanup.

Ecology received 1 written and 1 verbal comment during the comment period. This responsiveness summary provides Ecology's reply to these comments.

More information about the site is available at the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) website:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5048>

Comments Received and Ecology's Responses

Comment 1: Dennis Regan (Email)

From: Dennis Regan

Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 2:07 PM

To: Liu, Jing (ECY)

Subject: Positive Public Comment for Cornet Bay Marina Project

I support the proposed Cornet Bay Marina project. The project appears to be very well planned to accomplish the removal of the contaminated soil and minimize the hardship to residents, marina customers and the marina business.

I live directly across the street from the marina and have a boat docked at the marina. I anticipate a great deal of noise, dust and inconvenience but the positives of preventing groundwater contamination and a safer sea wall far outway any negatives.

Thanks for doing a good job with the planning process.

Dennis Regan

Ecology's Response:

Ecology will try to minimize the impacts to the community during cleanup and will provide updates on the cleanup as the project moves forward.

Comment 2: John Aydelotte (Phone Call)

John is a neighbor of the marina who is operating marine services, including boat repair and emergency rescue. He moors his boats at the marina and he usually gets his fuel from the marina. He is very concerned about dock access and interruption of fuel supply during construction.

Ecology's Response:

Ecology will begin construction after the peak boating season to minimize the impact to the marina customers. A temporary access platform will be provided to ensure access to the dock during construction. Unfortunately, the fuel supply will be interrupted temporarily during construction. Fuel can be purchased nearby from La Conner or Anacortes during construction. A construction notice will be posted at the site for visiting boaters regarding no fuel access. Ecology will notify the community when the construction will begin.