

DNR Lease Area Port Gamble, Kitsap County, WA

Site Investigation Documents Ready for Public Review

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The Department of Ecology welcomes your comments on a proposed Work Plan and draft Public Participation Plan for a new cleanup site.

Ecology is asking for your comments on a proposed Work Plan to study an aquatic site on Puget Sound for cleanup. This Site, the Washington Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Land Lease Area 20-12795 (DNR Lease Area), is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

The DNR Lease Area is a former log storage area. It is located at the southwest end of Port Gamble Bay, in Port Gamble, Kitsap County, WA.

Site background

The Site consists of 74 acres of state-owned aquatic land on Port Gamble Bay, on Hood Canal. It was managed by DNR, and leased to Pope & Talbot, Inc. From 1974 to 1995, it was a log storage area for the Pope & Talbot, Inc. Sawmill Site (see Facility Site ID #93937775). The lease for this use expired in 2001.

Log rafting deposited wood waste on the bed of Port Gamble Bay. Wood waste smothers near-shore habitat and animals such as clams, and can cause changes in water chemistry that can

harm the food chain. Investigations have also found elevated levels of cadmium in sediment.

The amount of contamination is unknown and will be further investigated. Ecology will lead the proposed study.

Overview of the draft Work Plan

The Work Plan describes the process that will be used to gather information about the Site. This information can be used to determine where contamination problems exist, and the steps to identify possible solutions. The process and its results will be compiled into a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) report.

Because this is an Ecology-conducted cleanup, you are being offered an early opportunity to review and comment on the scope of the RI/FS through review of this draft Work Plan.

The Work Plan explains how existing reports and data will be reviewed to focus the investigation, as well as how new data will be collected during sampling at the Site. Proposed sampling will look for contaminants at the sediment surface and at ten feet below the surface. Sampling will also include bioassays, which show whether contaminants in the sediment affect worm or crustacean larvae.

The results of this work will be documented in an RI/FS report. The RI report provides information about the

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types, locations, and amounts of contaminants. Its results show whether there is a significant threat to human health or the environment at the Site. The FS report uses the results of the RI study to identify and evaluate cleanup options in preparation for the next step in the process - the cleanup action plan.

The proposed RI/FS report for this Site will include:

- A summary of sampling activities.
- Results of sediment chemistry and bioassay tests.
- How the results compare to state cleanup standards.
- Conclusions and recommendations for cleanup actions.
- Discussion and analysis of potential cleanup actions.
- Preliminary cost estimates.
- A recommended cleanup action.

The RI/FS report for this Site is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2008. It will be made available for public review and comment.

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology is providing a public participation plan. This plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas can help to improve the cleanup. The Public Participation Plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can become involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound at the DNR Lease Area Site

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature approved the Puget Sound Initiative. One of the objectives of the Initiative is to protect and restore Puget Sound, cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of these is the DNR Lease Area Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

Other sites and activities near this site:

- Pope and Talbot Sawmill Site: This Site included a sawmill, woodchip loading facilities, a log transfer facility, and log rafting and storage (Facility Site #93937775).

How to submit your comments

Ecology welcomes your comments on the proposed Work Plan and draft Public Participation Plan from May 9 through June 9, 2008. For your review, these documents can be found on the Ecology web site and at the locations listed on the first page of this fact sheet.

Please send your comments by June 9, 2008, to Ecology's Site Manager, Kevin MacLachlan. Contact information can be found on the first page of this fact sheet. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail. Please include "DNR Lease Area" in the subject line.

What's next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments that have been received. The documents may be modified based upon your comments.

As future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. **Read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* at this link to learn more about the public comment process.**

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