

## Proposed Legal Agreement Available for Public Review and Comment



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The Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Port of Olympia (port) are amending an Agreed Order for the Budd Inlet Sediments: Port Peninsula site. This legal agreement requires the port to investigate contamination and plan for cleanup in the study area shown on page 3.

In December 2008, the port and Ecology entered into an Agreed Order. The order required the port to dredge (remove) contaminated sediments from parts of two shipping berths and evaluate the effectiveness of dredge methods. Under the Agreed Order Amendment, the port will now:

- Study the nature, extent, and possible sources of contamination in the study area.
- Submit a report with the investigation results.
- Evaluate possible cleanup actions in the study area based on the investigation and information from the 2009 dredge.
- Develop an interim action (partial cleanup) plan for cleaning up contaminated sediments in all or part of the study area.

### Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Ecology invites you to comment on the Agreed Order Amendment from **January 13 - February 13, 2012**. The box to the right shows where to find documents and how to submit your comments.

### What Happens Next?

At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to public comments and questions. Ecology can make changes to the Agreed Order Amendment based on public comments. If there are no major changes, Ecology will sign the agreement and the port will begin work.

You will have a chance to comment on all future cleanup plans. Ecology will put the draft interim action plan, and the legal agreement for it, out for public comment.

### Comments Accepted

**January 13 - February 13, 2012**

#### Send Comments and Questions to:

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#### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2245>

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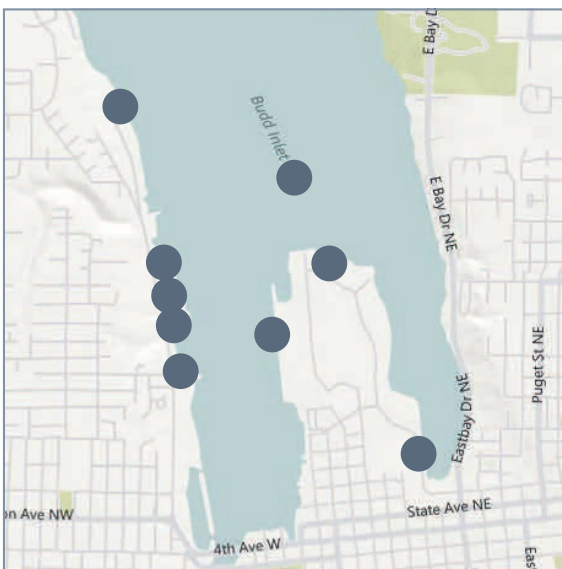
### Why Cleanup Matters

Decades of industrial, municipal and naturally occurring pollution have damaged the quality and ecology of Puget Sound. In 2007, Governor Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature approved the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore the health of the Sound by 2020.

**One of the Initiative's objectives is to clean up contaminated sites within one-half mile of Puget Sound.** This cleanup will help reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

### Cleanup Around Budd Inlet

Ecology is working to clean up eight contaminated sites throughout Budd Inlet. These efforts will help reduce the overall amount of toxins in Budd Inlet and the Sound. For more information about these cleanups, visit [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites\\_brochure/psi/buddInlet/psi\\_buddInlet.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/buddInlet/psi_buddInlet.html)



### Site Background

Ecology launched an investigation of Budd Inlet dioxin contamination in April 2007. The port found elevated levels of dioxins in an area scheduled for routine dredging. Results of this study confirmed that dioxin levels were as high as 4212.5 and 230.6 parts per trillion (ppt) at the port's shipping berths.

### First Interim Action and Pilot Dredging Study

The port's 2008 Agreed Order required it to:

- Remove (dredge) some of the contaminated sediment from portions of two shipping berths.
- Do a pilot study during the dredge to look at the effectiveness of dredge methods.
- Do post-dredge monitoring to find the impact on sediments and water quality.
- Submit a report showing the results of the pilot study and dredging action.

From January - February 2009, the dredge removed about 9,515 cubic yards of contaminated sediments. The port disposed of them at a landfill in Oregon. The port completed post-dredge monitoring in 2011.

### Post-Dredge Cleanup Actions

You can read post-dredge monitoring reports on Ecology's webpage (see page 1). Ecology and the port are now working on next steps to:

- Determine how to completely clean up the shipping berths.
- Evaluate the cleanup needs of the study area.
- Identify sources of contamination to sediments in the study area.

# Budd Inlet Sediments: Port Peninsula



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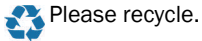




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## **Budd Inlet Sediments: Port Peninsula Thurston County, WA**

Ecology Seeks Public Comments on  
a Draft Legal Agreement for Cleanup

**Public Comment Period:**

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