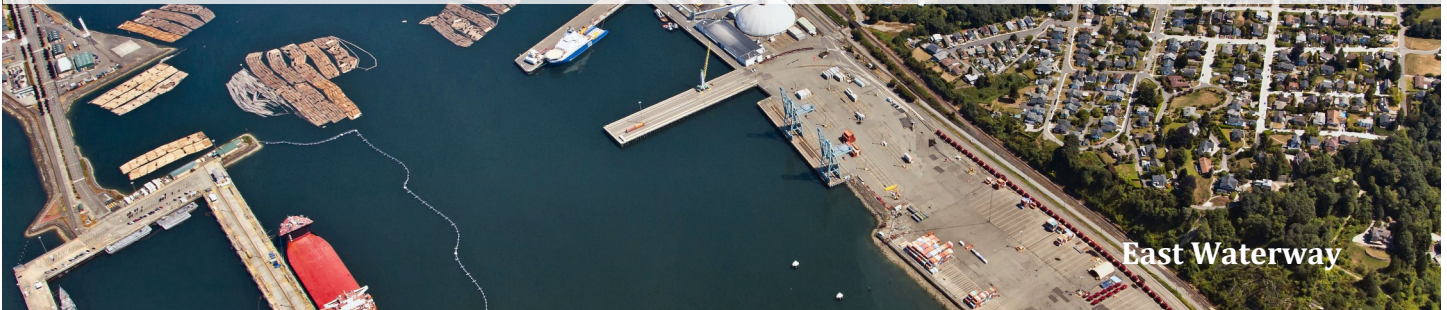


# East Waterway

Draft Agreed Order with the Navy Available for Public Review and Comment



## CONTACTS & INFORMATION

### Comments accepted:

April 20 - May 19, 2017

### Submit comments to:

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### Document review locations:

#### Everett Public Library

2702 Hoyt Avenue  
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(425) 257-8000  
Hours: M-W: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Th-F: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE  
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#### Website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4297>

**Facility Site ID #:** 2733

**Cleanup Site #:** 4297

## Site background

The East Waterway Site (Site) was developed in the early 1900s. It was transformed into a deepwater port in the early 1930s. The waterway has been used primarily for saw milling, pulp and paper manufacturing, deepwater shipping, log rafting and storage, and naval activities. It has also been used to store wood chips and hog fuel on barges.

Due to their historic and current operations at the Site, the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) for Site clean-up are Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. (K-C), the Port of Everett (Port), the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy).

Various environmental investigations at the Site conducted from the 1980s to 2013 found marine sediments contaminated with the following chemicals: metals (arsenic, mercury, zinc, copper, lead), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), total polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and dioxins/furans.

In December 2012, Ecology and K-C entered into an Agreed Order (AO) to clean up the K-C upland area located to the east and next to the waterway. To clean up remaining in-water contaminants, Ecology is pursuing two separate AOs:

- The first East Waterway AO is with K-C, the Port and DNR and went into effect on February 16, 2016. It requires the PLPs (K-C, Port, DNR) to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) and develop a draft cleanup action plan (DCAP) to address in-water contamination at the Site.
- The second East Waterway AO is the subject of this public comment period. This draft AO requires the Navy to cooperate with the other PLPs to ensure the completion of the RI/FS and DCAP.



## Public comment invited

Ecology asks for your comments on plans to clean up this Site. The East Waterway is one of several cleanup sites located on the waterfront in Port Gardner Bay that have been prioritized for cleanup under the State's Puget Sound Initiative. The Site is generally located in the Everett Harbor area along the industrialized waterfront near Naval Station Everett at the mouth of the Snohomish River.

You are invited to review the following draft documents and send your comments to Ecology for consideration:

- **Review** the draft Agreed Order between the Navy and Ecology.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration by May 19, 2017.

See Contacts & Information on the first page for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

## What happens next?

Once the public comment period ends on May 19, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. A public hearing will be held if requested by at least 10 persons during the comment period. Requests can be made to the Site Manager, Andrew Kallus.

The draft AO may be modified based on your comments. You will be notified of additional public comment periods as cleanup documents are prepared.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>



**Figure 1.** East Waterway Site in 2012

## Why this cleanup matters

In 2007, Washington State established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several bay-wide areas in the Sound have been identified as high-priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including Port Gamble Bay, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound, including the East Waterway in Port Gardner Bay. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites, go to: [ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites\\_brochure/psi/overview/psi\\_baywide.html](http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/overview/psi_baywide.html)



## Overview of the draft Agreed Order

The draft Agreed Order (AO) is a legal document between Ecology and the Navy (a PLP). This proposed agreement outlines Navy cooperation in the completion of the RI/FS and DCAP, which includes, but is not limited to providing access to its property and available data, and review and comment on draft reports.

## Información en español

El Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington convoca a una audiencia pública para debatir sobre una Sentencia Acordada preliminar entre el Departamento de la Armada de los Estados Unidos y el Departamento de Ecología para la planta East Waterway Site en Everett. Dicha Sentencia Acordada preliminar exige que la Armada coopere con las demás Personas Potencialmente Responsables (Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.; el puerto de Everett; el Departamento de Recursos Naturales de Washington) a fin de garantizar la finalización de dos documentos sobre la limpieza: el Estudio de Viabilidad/de Investigación Correctiva y el Plan de Acción Preliminar de Limpieza. Se aceptarán comentarios del 20 de abril al 19 de mayo de 2017. Para obtener una copia de dicho material en español, póngase en contacto con Andrew Kallus al (360) 407-7259 o a través de [Andrew.Kallus@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Andrew.Kallus@ecy.wa.gov).

## Special accommodations

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## Join the discussion about cleanup!



### **East Waterway**

### **Everett, Snohomish County, WA**

Ecology seeks public comment on a draft Agreed Order with the U.S. Department of the Navy.

### **Public Comment Period**

**April 20 - May 19, 2017**