

# Dakota Creek Site (Port of Anacortes) Anacortes, Skagit County, WA

## Site Investigation Document Ready for Public Review

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## Ecology wants your comments

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to read and comment on the Agreed Order for cleanup of the Dakota Creek site. This site is located in Anacortes, Skagit County, WA.

The Agreed Order is a legal document. It describes the agreement between Ecology and the Port of Anacortes (Port) for cleanup actions needed at the site. It ensures that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

## Site background

The site has been used for industrial and shipyard activities since approximately 1879. The Port acquired the site in the mid-1940s and operated here until the mid-1970s. Dakota Creek Industries, Inc. (DCI), the current tenant, leased the site from the Port in 1977 for the construction and repair of vessels.

Historical uses at the site include vessel moorage, bulk fuel and oil storage, and shipbuilding activities. These uses have resulted in soil, groundwater, and sediment contamination. Other potential sources of contamination at the site include outfall discharges from the former Scott paper mill and City of Anacortes municipal sewer.

## Overview of the Agreed Order

The Agreed Order outlines the investigation and cleanup process for

the Dakota Creek site. It requires the Port to prepare the following studies and documents:

- A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) work plan, which will explain how the Port will find contamination in soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediments.
- An RI/FS report, which will present the results of the investigation and propose alternatives for cleanup actions.
- A Cleanup Action Plan (CAP), which will use RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

The Agreed Order also requires the Port to perform an interim action to remove contaminated sediment. The interim action consists of dredging and disposing of contaminated sediments from the DCI basin. The area of removal will be fully defined as part of the cleanup study. Ecology will oversee this effort.

## Protecting and Restoring Puget Sound at the Dakota Creek Site

Governor Christine Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature have authorized a new Puget Sound Initiative (PSI). One of the objectives of the PSI is to protect and restore Puget Sound, cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. A number of sites in the Anacortes area are being cleaned up in a baywide effort. One of these is the Dakota Creek site. These cleanup actions will

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October 5 to  
November 5, 2007**

### Send comments to:

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### To review documents:

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Anacortes, WA 98221  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 11am-8 pm, Fri.  
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### Ecology web site:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pa\\_dakota/pa\\_dakota\\_ck\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pa_dakota/pa_dakota_ck_hp.htm)

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help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

### How to submit your comments

Ecology is holding a public comment period for you to review the Agreed Order from October 5 through November 5, 2007.

This document is found on the Ecology web site and at the information repositories listed on the first page of this fact sheet. Please send your comments by November 5, 2007, to Ecology's Site Manager, Panjini Balaraju. Contact addresses can be found on the first page of this fact sheet. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail. Include "Dakota Creek" in the subject line.

### What's next?

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

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.**

Additional public comment periods will be noticed and conducted as future documents on the site are developed.



The Dakota Creek site is shown in the above map, located at 155 Q Avenue, Anacortes, WA.

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