

Former Scott Paper Mill Site, Anacortes



Draft interim action work plan available for public review and comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites public comment on a proposed interim action to excavate contaminated soil and install new underground storage tanks at Seafarers' Memorial Park. This site is located at the northern portion of the former Scott Paper Mill site in Anacortes, Washington. You are encouraged to review and comment on this draft work plan between **November 10 and December 9, 2005**.

Site Location

The northern portion of the site is located north of an extension of 17th Street, east of Q Avenue, on the west shore of Fidalgo Bay, and south of Cap Sante Boat Haven marina in downtown Anacortes (*see figure on page 3*). This portion is presently the location of Seafarers' Memorial Park, office buildings, and a vacant lot along the Q Avenue frontage. Both upland and marine environments are included in this portion of the site.

Current Activity

The Port of Anacortes is currently redeveloping facilities adjacent to the site at the Cap Sante Boat Haven. The existing fuel dock (*located between B and C docks*) will be demolished and associated underground storage tanks removed.

The new fuel dock will be located on the site adjacent to Seafarer's Way. The underground storage tanks will be

installed at the asphalt-paved area west of the Seafarer's Memorial Park building.

What is the Purpose of the Interim Action?

The purpose of the proposed action is to remove contaminated soils present at depth in the tank location at the Seafarers' Memorial Park (*beneath the asphalt-paved area, west of the park building*), before new storage tanks are installed.

This action will also reduce the threat of further exposure to or migration of contaminated materials at the fuel tank, piping and dock abutment location, and protect human health and the environment.

Proposed interim action

This interim action is planned for this fall and will be conducted under the existing consent decree (*legal agreement*) for the northern portion.

The Port of Anacortes plans to carry out the following activities:

- Remove a portion of the existing asphalt- pavement west of the Seafarers' Memorial Park building.
- Excavate and dispose of the contaminated soil and wood debris to an offsite facility.
- Dewater and treat extracted groundwater from the site before discharge to the sanitary sewer system.

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**Public Comment Period:
November 10 – December 9**

Documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

Anacortes Public Library
1220 10th Street, Anacortes
(360) 293-1910

WA Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008
(425) 649-7190
(Call for an appointment)

Ecology's Web Site:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html

Technical questions and written comments:

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- Install two 15,000-gallon underground storage tanks within a concrete fuel tank vault.
- Install a fuel line and a dock abutment
- Backfill the excavated areas and restore paved and unpaved areas.

The fuel tank vault will be about 16ft wide and 71ft long and the bottom of the tank vault excavation will be about 19ft deep.

Public comment on the draft interim action work plan

Ecology is holding a public comment period from **November 10 through December 9, 2005**, during which you may comment on the draft interim action work plan. This draft document is available at the information repositories listed on the first page of this fact sheet.

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review all comments received and will make recommendations for any suggested changes. If no significant changes are made, the interim action will proceed. You will have future opportunities to review and comment on draft reports regarding the extent of contamination, cleanup options, and on any cleanup plans for the site.

A public meeting is not planned for this public comment period. However, one will be held if 10 or more people so request by the end of this comment period.

Ecology would like your input

You have an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft interim action work plan for the underground storage tanks installation at Seafarers' Memorial Park located at the northern portion of the former Scott Paper Mill site in Anacortes. Please send your comments before **December 9, 2005**, to Ecology's Site Manager, Ron Timm, at the address in the box on the first page of this fact sheet. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail and should include "Scott Paper Mill" in the subject line.

More Information?

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.

What happens next?

The Port of Anacortes is still investigating the extent of contamination at both the uplands and marine areas of the northern portion of the site (called a *remedial investigation*). Once this study is complete, cleanup options will be developed (called a *feasibility study*) to address the contamination.

A public comment period will be held on the draft remedial investigation/feasibility study report. After addressing any comments received during the public comment period, a *cleanup action plan* will be developed for this portion of the site. This document will also be subject to public review and comment.

Site background

The Scott Paper Company and other former owners operated lumber mills and a pulp mill at the site from approximately 1925 until 1978. During this period, numerous buildings, sheds, piers, tailings ponds, boilers, fuel storage tanks, a smokestack, and burners were located on the northern portion of the site. The pulp-producing plant was located on the southern portion of the mill site.

In 1979, the Port of Anacortes purchased the northern portion of the former mill site from the Scott Paper Company. The Port of Anacortes used part of the property as a log yard from 1991 to 1993. In 1998, this northern portion was replatted into three parcels.

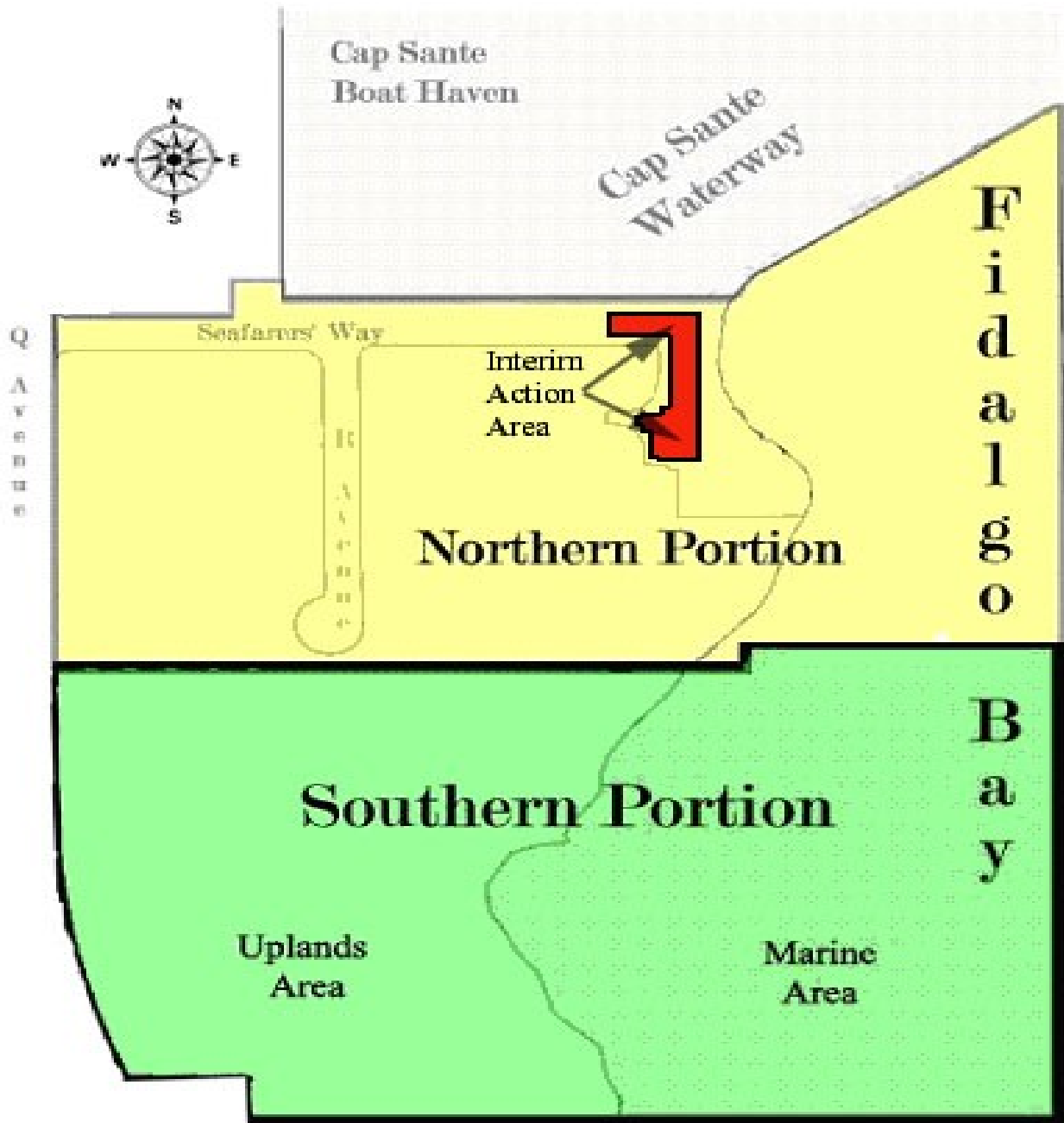
In 1999, the Port of Anacortes and Shared Healthcare Systems, Inc. (owner of Parcel 2 since 1998) conducted an independent cleanup action in Parcel 2 for the soils in the area of the former aboveground fuel storage tanks and tailings ponds for the pulp mill. The cleanup included the removal of petroleum-contaminated soil and wood debris. The independent cleanup action also included installation of a 2-foot thick soil cover and stormwater controls for the remainder of Parcel 2.

In 2000, Ecology notified the following that they are potentially liable persons for the former Scott Paper Mill site: the Port of Anacortes; Kimberly-Clark Corporation; Shared Healthcare Systems, Inc.; and MJB Properties, Inc.

Remaining contaminants of concern to be investigated in the northern portion of the site include: petroleum; carcinogenic polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs); dioxins/furans; metals; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); and deleterious substances (e.g., wood), brick, metals, and slag in the marine environment.

Interim Action Area

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3190 160th Avenue SE
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on Proposed Interim Action

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