

Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site



Comments accepted:
April 23, - May 25, 2020

Submit comments:

Online at

<http://tcp.ecology.commenting.com/?id=t5pZH>

Or by mail to:

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Site info:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3444>

Facility Site ID: 93937775

Site Cleanup ID: 3444

See inside for document review locations

A public hearing will be held if at least ten people request one. If a hearing is requested, Ecology will determine the appropriate response under Washington's Stay at Home, Stay Healthy order.

Ecology wants your input!

Ecology invites you to review and comment on proposed plans to conduct environmental cleanup on the uplands portion of the Port Gamble Mill property.

Online Open House – April 30, 2020, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Join us for an online open house to hear about the proposed cleanup, ask Ecology staff questions, and provide input.

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/r2cfnc3>.

Upland Mill Cleanup Documents Available for Public Comment:

- **Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** - The draft supplemental RI/FS characterizes the nature and extent of upland contamination, describes earlier cleanup actions, and presents an evaluation of final cleanup alternatives.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan** – The draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP) describes the proposed upland cleanup action for the site and outlines requirements for the cleanup.
- **Draft Consent Decree** – The draft Consent Decree is a formal legal document between Ecology and the potentially liable parties, or PLPs (Pope Resources and OPG Properties LLC) that requires the PLPs to carry out the actions identified in the Cleanup Action Plan.
- **SEPA Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)** – Explains the possible environmental consequences of this cleanup plan and the determination that impacts likely will not result in significant adverse effect on the environment.

Washington State's coronavirus response

While Washington's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order is in effect, Ecology is not hosting in-person public meetings or supporting physical document repositories. Documents for review will be available online only. If you need access to a hard copy document or have other questions, please contact Megan MacClellan at 360-688-3730.

Site Photos



Upland Mill site during in-water cleanup.



In-water structures before cleanup.



Port Gamble Bay shoreline after cleanup.



Oysters from Port Gamble Bay.

Site Background

The Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site was owned and operated by Pope & Talbot, Inc. and their corporate predecessors as a sawmill to manufacture forest products from 1853 to 1995. It is located across the bay from the Port Gamble S’Klallam (nəx^wq’íyt nəx^{ws}łayə̀m) Tribe. Much of the facility was removed in 1997, then the area was leased for log sorting, wood chipping, marine research and other light industrial activities.

Historical sampling on the uplands portion of the site identified pollutants from wood product manufacturing and treatment activities, including metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs) and dioxins/furans.

The in-water portion of the cleanup was successfully completed from 2015 to 2017. The in-water action included transferring sediment stockpiles through the upland mill property and disposing of the stockpiles in approved off-site landfills in 2018. Periodic monitoring will occur in the in-water portion of Port Gamble Bay through 2030. The upland portion of the site is generally located on the west shore of Port Gamble Bay, east of North Rainier Avenue in Port Gamble, Kitsap County, Washington.

Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

The supplemental Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) completes the characterization of contamination at the upland site, details the series of interim cleanup activities performed at the site since 2002, and evaluates cleanup alternatives to address residual contamination.

The RI/FS found that the following contaminants of concern were present at the site at levels that may require remedial action:

- Dioxins/furans
- Carcinogenic PAHs (cPAH)
- Lead
- Arsenic

The Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study determined acceptable levels of each of these contaminants that would be protective of human health and protective of surrounding groundwater, surface water, and sediment.

Draft Cleanup Action Plan

The draft Cleanup Action Plan describes the proposed cleanup action for the Site and outlines requirements for the cleanup, including specifically required cleanup actions:

- Excavate portions of contaminated soil at the site and dispose of unsuitable materials at approved off-site landfills.
- Cap all remaining soils exceeding cleanup levels on site.
- Implement land groundwater use restrictions to prevent its use as a drinking water source.

Toxics Cleanup Program

Document review locations

Ecology's Port Gamble website:

Find site documents online anytime.

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3444>

In-person document review is not currently available. You can review documents at these locations when they re-open to the public:

Poulsbo Library
 700 NE Lincoln Street
 Poulsbo, WA 98370
 (360) 779-2915

Little Boston Library
 31980 Little Boston Rd NE
 Kingston, WA 98346
 (360) 297-2670

Ecology Headquarters
 300 Desmond Drive SE
 Lacey, WA 98503
 (360) 407-7224
 Hours: By appointment

Questions about accessing information?

Contact Megan MacClellan:
 (360) 688-3730
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Draft Consent Decree

The draft consent decree is a formal legal document that requires Pope Resources and OPG Properties LLC to carry out specifically identified cleanup at the site. Pope Resources and OPG Properties LLC and Ecology will work together within the terms of the consent decree to perform the actions outlined in the draft Cleanup Action Plan.

SEPA Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) ensures that environmental impacts are considered during governmental decision-making. Ecology has developed a checklist to identify all potential environmental impacts of the proposed CAP. Upon completion of this checklist, Ecology determined that the proposed cleanup actions will not have adverse effects on the environment (Determination of Non-Significance).

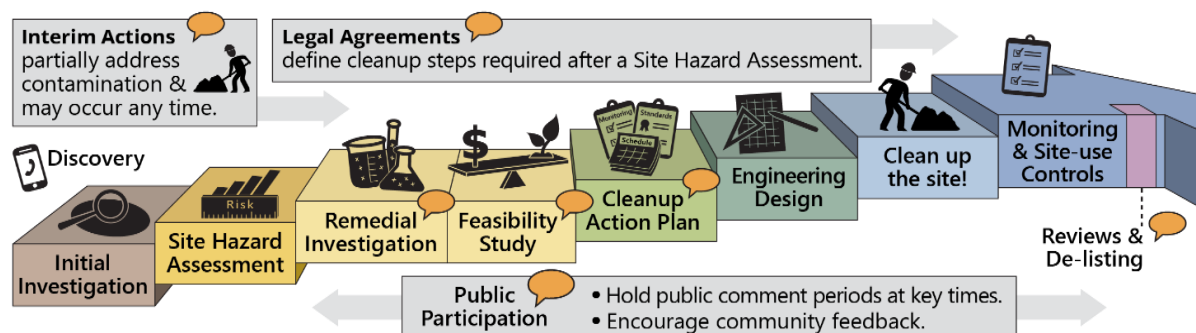
Why This Cleanup Matters

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

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. The supplemental Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, draft Cleanup Action Plan, Consent Decree, and SEPA determination may be modified based on your comments. As future documents on the site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

Steps in Ecology's Cleanup Process





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Join the discussion about cleanup!



Port Gamble Bay and Mill

Port Gamble, Kitsap County, WA

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Public Comment Period

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To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-7182 or email at Megan.MacClellan@ecy.wa.gov, or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.