


# Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site

## Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



Port Gamble Bay Former Mill Area. Photo courtesy of Pope Resources.

### CONTACTS & INFORMATION

#### Comments accepted:

October 20 - November 20, 2017

#### Online public comment form:

<http://wt.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=hJeHG>

#### Or mail to:

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##### **Little Boston Library**

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##### **Ecology Headquarters**

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Hours: By Appointment

#### Website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3444>

**Facility Site ID #:** 93937775

**Cleanup Site #:** 3444

### Public comment invited

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) asks for your comments on plans for cleanup of the upland portion of the Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site (upland Site). The upland Site is part of a large cleanup effort completed in early 2017 that included sediments in Port Gamble Bay. These sediment and upland cleanup efforts are a collaborative effort between the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Pope Resources/Olympic Property Group (PR/OPG), identified as Potentially Liable Persons, or PLPs, at the Site.

The upland Site is generally located on the west shore of Port Gamble Bay, east of N Rainier Ave in Port Gamble, Kitsap County, Washington.

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

- **Review** the draft Agreed Order (AO) with attached Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) work plan and draft Public Participation Plan (PPP).
- **Send** your written comments to Ecology for consideration by November 20, 2017.

See Contacts & Information at left for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

### Site background

The Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site (Site) is located in Kitsap County adjacent to Port Gamble Bay, which encompasses more than two square miles of subtidal and shallow intertidal habitat. As a whole, the Site consists of the fill on which the former sawmill was located, the adjacent uplands and most of Port Gamble Bay. The upland portion of the Site consists of the area where the former sawmill was located and the



adjacent uplands. Pope & Talbot, Inc. and their corporate predecessors used a sawmill facility on the Site to manufacture forest products for 142 years from 1853 to 1995. 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.

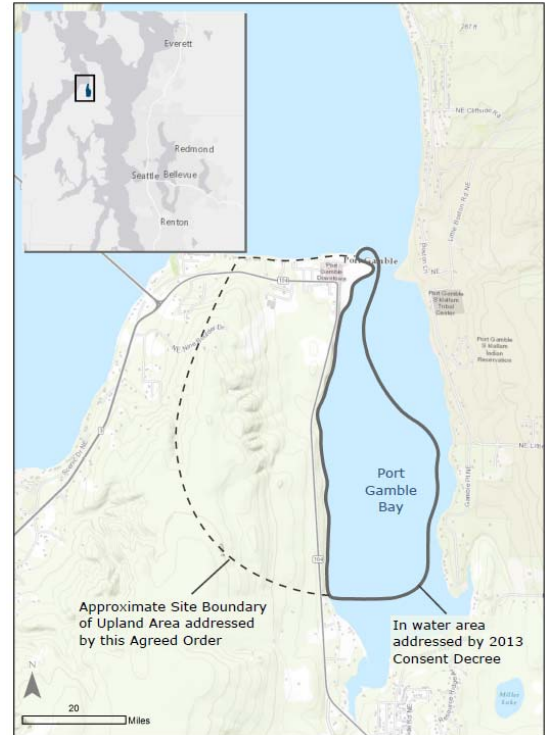
### Site contamination and prior cleanup actions

Historical operations on this property resulted in the release of pollutants from wood product manufacturing and treatment activities, including the use of pentachlorophenol, incineration of salt-laden wood (and aerial deposition of resulting ash), and landfilling of used contaminated materials. These pollutants included metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs) and dioxins/furans.

From 2002 to 2005, approximately 26,310 tons of contaminated soils were excavated from the uplands area of the Site. Follow-on groundwater monitoring was performed through 2016 to verify the protectiveness of the upland cleanup actions in reducing groundwater concentrations of metals (arsenic and mercury), petroleum hydrocarbons, and cPAHs.

From September 2015 to January 2017, the in-water portion of Site cleanup was completed, including efforts to improve marine and shoreline habitat and restore native species such as oysters. During cleanup, 8,592 pilings were removed, 77,297 cubic yards of contaminated marine sediments were dredged and 33,240 cubic yards of contaminated intertidal material were excavated.

The draft AO and Supplemental RI/FS work plan described below are for uplands cleanup portion of at the Site.



### Port Gamble Bay and Mill Upland Site

Approximate area being evaluated to determine the upland site boundary.

### What happens next?

Once the public comment period ends on November 20, Ecology will review and consider all written 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, John Evered.

The draft AO, Supplemental RI/FS work plan and draft PPP 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/>

### 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 Port Gamble Bay Site. 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/](http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/overview/)



psi\_baywide.html

## Overview of the draft Agreed Order

The draft Agreed Order is a formal legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (the PLPs, Pope Resources/Olympic Property Group (PR/OPG)) to provide remedial action at the Site. As part of the AO, PR/OPG agrees to conduct a Supplemental RI/FS and develop a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) for the Site. The draft AO describes the studies and activities PR/OPG agrees to perform at the uplands area of the Site.

This includes:

- Compile and summarize existing data from previous investigations and remedial actions.
- Develop a conceptual site model.
- Identify potential data gaps and develop a sampling and analysis plan (SAP) to address identified data gaps. The SAP includes a supplemental investigation to determine the extent of dioxin and furan contamination from former mill activities at the uplands area of the Site.
- Perform the supplemental investigations and present the results to Ecology in a draft supplemental RI/FS Report. This report will include identification of appropriate soil cleanup levels, areas requiring remediation and an evaluation of cleanup action alternatives.

## Overview of the Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan

The Supplemental RI/FS work plan presents a project schedule and a list of future deliverables for the upland area and a summary of previous remedial investigations and cleanup evaluations and activities completed at the Site. The Supplemental RI/FS work plan also provides a description of additional methods for addressing residual contamination, specifically how to determine the approximate vertical and horizontal extent of dioxin/furan contamination at the Site and surrounding uplands. This work plan will support further investigation and development of an updated RI/FS.

## Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology has developed a draft PPP. This draft PPP outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The draft PPP explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can get involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

## Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-7170 or visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/accessibility.html>. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.





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## Join the discussion about cleanup!



### **Port Gamble Bay and Mill Site**

### **Port Gamble, Kitsap County, WA**

Ecology seeks public comment on a draft Agreed Order, Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Public Participation Plan.

### **Public Comment Period**

**October 20 - November 20, 2017**