

## Site Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE Site

Reaching the goal of a healthy, sustainable Puget Sound

### Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) asks for your comments on plans to clean up a site on Puget Sound. The Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site (Site) is one of several cleanup sites located on the waterfront in Port Gardner Bay that has been prioritized for cleanup under the State's Puget Sound Initiative.

The Site is located at 3500 Terminal Ave in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order (AO) for an interim action (IA) and a draft updated Public Participation Plan (Plan) for the Site.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted from March 1 – 30, 2016.

See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

### Site Background

Development of the Site began in the late 1800s. A range of historical industrial activities were performed including pulp manufacturing, saw milling, ship building, shingle milling and log handling. While operating as a sulfite pulp mill, the facility produced approximately 300 tons of pulp per day. Some of the waste materials from this production contributed to the contamination of the Site. All pulping operations at the

### Comments Invited

March 1 – 30, 2016

#### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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### Document Review Locations

#### Everett Public Library

2702 Hoyt Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201  
(425) 257-8000  
<http://epls.org/>

#### Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
By appointment only:  
Contact Carol Dorn  
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#### Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2146>

Facility Site ID #: 1884322

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## Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former

Site ceased in 1980. The Port of Everett (the Port) purchased the property in 1983 and currently uses the Site for break bulk and container cargo handling.

Several investigations of the upland and in-water areas have been completed since the 1980s, and most recently in 2007 and 2009. The following sediment contaminants were found on the Site:

- Metals (arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, zinc)
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls and Semivolatile Organic Compounds (PCBs and SVOCs)
- Dioxins/Furans
- Wood waste such as sawdust

The investigations also found contaminants in upland soils, groundwater or both that exceed cleanup levels established in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA):

- Metals (arsenic, copper, nickel)
- PAHs and SVOCs
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs)

In August 2012, Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons, or PLPs, entered into an agreement to study the contamination at the Site and identify a preferred cleanup action and schedule. This is the first AO for the Site. The PLPs in this AO are the Port, Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser) and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

### Overview of 2012 Agreed Order

The first AO for the Site, finalized in 2012, is a legal document between Ecology and the PLPs listed above. The 2012 AO outlines the agreement to provide remedial action at the

Site where there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances. Notice of this AO was provided in June 2012.

The 2012 AO describes the studies that the PLPs agree to perform on the Site and covers the following studies and documents:

- **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** – Explains the work needed to identify and analyze contamination at the Site.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan** – Uses the RI/FS to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remove and treat the contamination at the Site.

### Overview of Agreed Order for Interim Action

The second AO for the Site, and the focus of the current public notice period, is a legal document between Ecology, the Port and Weyerhaeuser. This second AO is for a proposed interim cleanup action in the in-water area (off-shore of Pacific Terminal). DNR has elected to not be included in this AO. An IA is a remedial action required to partially address cleanup of the Site. Action will take place during the 2016/2017 in-water work window as allowed by the Army Corps of Engineers permit for the project.

The proposed IA will remove contaminated sediment and wood debris identified at the Site and increase navigational access to Pacific Terminal. This work includes dredging, transport and disposal of contaminated sediment and wood debris to an approved landfill facility. Dredged material suitable for open water disposal will be placed on a disposal barge and transported to the open water disposal site. The action also includes installing armor and habitat mix (rounded sand and gravel materials) along areas where a temporary side slope remains. Further

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details regarding the technical elements of the IA can be found in Exhibit B (Interim Action Work Plan) of the proposed AO. An IA report will be written following the action and evaluated as a part of the final cleanup action for the Site.

### Overview of draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. With this commitment, Ecology has updated the Plan for the Site. This draft Plan 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 Plan 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.

### Why This Cleanup Matters

#### Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

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, 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 Weyerhaeuser Mill A

Former Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites\\_brochure/psi/overview/psi\\_baywide.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/overview/psi_baywide.html)

### What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends on March 30, 2016, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. The AO for IA at the Site and Plan may be modified based on your comments. If future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.  
To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
2. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.
- 3.

**We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.**



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## **Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Everett, Snohomish County, WA**

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