



DEPARTMENT OF
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Bellingham Bay 2018 Cleanup Update

Cleanup work at 12 contaminated sites located on the Bellingham waterfront is happening at the direction of the Department of Ecology under authority of the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act. The Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham are the main entities performing the work.

Bellingham Bay

Progress in 2017

Significant cleanup construction work was completed, as well as work on various studies, plans and other necessary cleanup documents. The completed work cost an estimated \$7 million.

1,900

Cubic yards of
contaminated
soil removed

4,600

Cubic yards of
contaminated
sediment
removed

24,500

Square feet of
over-water
structures
removed

405

Creosote-
treated piles
removed

3,500

Linear feet of
shoreline
stabilized

2018 Planned work

Cleanup construction work will continue, as well as work on various cleanup documents. Specifically, six cleanup plans are expected to be completed, positioning these sites for cleanup construction work next biennium. The work planned for 2018 is estimated to cost \$10 million.

3,400

Cubic yards of
contaminated
sediment to
be removed

120

Creosote-
treated piles
to be
removed



State Funding

Up to half of the cleanup costs of public entities, such as the Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham, have been reimbursed thus far through a legislatively funded remedial action grant program.

However, with the decline in tax revenues in recent years, there is no guarantee that the legislature will provide grant funds to keep cleanup work moving forward in Bellingham Bay next biennium.

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