

## **Ecology extends public comment period on proposed changes to cleanup action**

The Washington Department of Ecology is extending the public comment period to **April 27** on proposed changes to cleanup plans for certain areas of the Whatcom Waterway cleanup site in Bellingham. The extension is required due to a procedural error. The comment period was scheduled from March 11 to April 11, and a public meeting was held on March 15. The public is now invited to submit comments to Ecology through April 27 at 5pm.

Changes are necessary because new dioxin and furan information shows that levels in some buried marine sediment are likely too high to qualify for disposal in an approved, open-water location as originally planned.

The changes are described in a proposed amendment to a 2007 legal settlement, called a consent decree, between Ecology, the Port of Bellingham and other parties. The consent decree settles liability among the parties and describes the cleanup action selected by Ecology. It includes a cleanup action plan and schedule for completing design and construction documents. The consent decree amendment includes changes to select sections of the existing cleanup action plan and an updated schedule for documents.

### **For more information**

- Read about the proposed changes in the March 2011 notice that was mailed to you. If you no longer have that notice, it can be viewed at the locations listed in the column to the right.
- Review the proposed amendment and supporting documents at the locations listed in the column to the right.

### **Public comment invited**

- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted through April 27, 2011 at 5pm.

### **Public comment period**

#### **Comments accepted**

March 11 – April 27, 2011

#### **Submit comments and technical questions to:**

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#### **Document at these review locations:**

Department of Ecology  
Bellingham Field office  
1440 10<sup>th</sup> St., Ste., 102  
Bellingham, WA  
**By appointment.** Call Linsay Albin  
at 360-715-5200.

Bellingham Public Library  
210 Central Ave.  
Bellingham, WA  
**Phone:** 360-778-7323  
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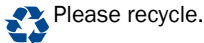
Department of Ecology  
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3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
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**By appointment.** Call Sally Perkins:  
425-649-7190

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/whatcom.wv.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/whatcom.wv.htm) or: go to  
[www.ecy.wa.gov](http://www.ecy.wa.gov), click on "cleanup,"  
site list by county," scroll to  
"Whatcom County," then click  
"Whatcom Waterway."

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## **Whatcom Waterway site, Bellingham, WA**

**Ecology extends public comment on proposed changes to a legal agreement and cleanup plans**

**Public comment period: March 11 – April 27, 2011**

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**Información en español:** El Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington (Ecología) solicita sus comentarios sobre la propuesta de los cambios a los planes de limpieza para ciertas áreas del sitio de limpieza de la vía fluvial de Whatcom en Bellingham. Usted está invitado a revisar el borrador de las enmiendas a un acuerdo legal, llamado el Decreto de Consentimiento.

Ecología aceptará comentarios desde el 11 de marzo al 27 de abril de 2011.

Para más información en español, favor de comunicarse con Richelle Pérez a 360-407-7528 o por correo electrónico a [richelle.perez@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:richelle.perez@ecy.wa.gov). Refiere al sitio de limpieza del vía fluvial de Whatcom.