

Bellingham Bay Cleanup Sites



Bellingham Waterfront, December 2014. Photo courtesy of Nick Kelly / Public Domain

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2019 Cleanup Update

Cleanup work at 12 contaminated sites located on the Bellingham waterfront (see page 2) is happening at the direction of the Department of Ecology under authority of the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act. This information sheet:

- Reports the progress made in 2018.
- Provides the current status.
- Describes work planned in 2019.

In addition to regulatory requirements, the cleanup work is guided by the Bellingham Bay Comprehensive Strategy completed in 2000 by the multi-agency Bellingham Bay Action Team. The Comprehensive Strategy integrates cleanup of contamination, controlling sources of sediment contamination, habitat restoration and land use on a bay-wide scale. The Action Team is co-managed by Ecology and the Port of Bellingham.

The state has partially funded the cleanup work conducted to date. The Port of Bellingham and the City of Bellingham are the main entities responsible for addressing contamination. As public entities, up to half of their costs may be reimbursed through a state remedial action grant program that helps pay for cleanup work at publicly-owned sites. The Legislature funds the grant program with revenues from a tax on hazardous substances.

Progress in 2018

In 2018 significant on-the-ground cleanup work was completed, as well as various site studies, plans, and other required cleanup documents.

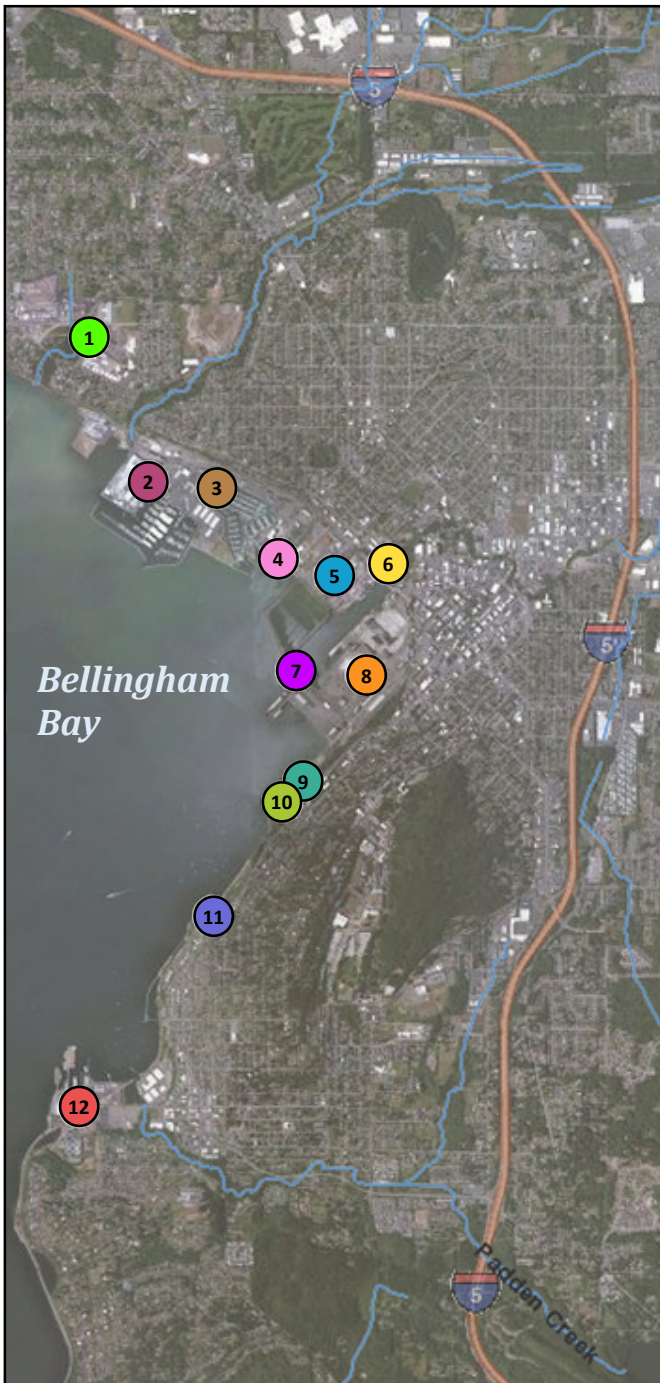
1,300	9,900	12,400	500
Cubic yards of contaminated soil removed	Cubic yards of contaminated sediment removed	Square feet of over-water structures removed	Creosote-treated piles removed

The cleanup work performed in 2018 is expected to cost about \$9 million. The Port and City will be reimbursed 50% under the state remedial action grant program.

Cleanup Status and Planned Work in 2019

The 12 Bellingham Bay cleanup sites are various stages of the cleanup process shown to the right.

For detailed information about each cleanup site, visit Ecology’s Bellingham Bay webpage for individual weblinks: www.bit.ly/Ecology-BellinghamBayCleanup



Bellingham Bay cleanup sites, 2017 aerial image

Cleanup Site Name

1	Eldridge Municipal Landfill Contaminated soil due to former municipal landfilling activities.
2	Weldcraft Steel & Marine Contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater associated with former shipyard practices.
3	Marine Services NW Contaminated sediment associated with past boatyard practices.
4	I & J Waterway Contaminated sediment associated with former industrial practices.
5	Central Waterfront Contaminated soil and groundwater associated with former municipal landfilling and industrial activities.
6	Holly Street Landfill Contaminated soil due to former municipal landfilling activities.
7	Whatcom Waterway Contaminated sediment associated with past pulping operations.
8	Georgia Pacific West Contaminated soil and groundwater associated with former industrial operations.
9	R.G. Haley Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with former wood treatment facility.
10	Cornwall Avenue Landfill Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with past municipal landfilling activities.
11	South State St. Manufactured Gas Plant Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with a former gas manufacturing facility.
12	Harris Avenue Shipyard Contaminated soil, groundwater, and sediment associated with former industrial activities at an active shipyard.

The Cleanup Process



Interim Action (partially addresses contamination and may occur anytime) **Work in Progress** **Public Comment**

Current Status

Planned Work in 2019

1	Cleanup implemented; Site Use Controls under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Site Use Controls: legal controls to ensure the cleanup is not compromised
2	Cleanup Plan pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Plan
3	Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending
4	Cleanup Plan under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Plan Begin Cleanup Design
5	Cleanup Plan under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Plan Begin Cleanup Design
6	Cleanup process complete	
7	Phase 1 Areas: Cleanup implemented; Site Use Controls under development; Monitoring underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Site Use Controls: legal controls to ensure the cleanup is not compromised
	Phase 2 Areas: Cleanup Design pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Cleanup Design
8	Northern Area: Cleanup process complete	
	Southern Area: Cleanup Plan under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Plan
9	Cleanup Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Design
10	Cleanup Design underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Cleanup Design
11	Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Complete Cleanup Plan
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View of Bellingham Bay and Mount Baker looking east.

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2018 On-the-ground Cleanup Work:

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- 12,400** Square feet of over-water structures removed
- 500** Creosote-treated piles removed

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