

# McKinley Draft Water Quality Permit



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## Comment period: September 3 – October 4, 2019

We invite you to comment on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water quality permit for the McKinley Paper Company paper mill in Port Angeles.

## Changes to the permit

Proposed changes to the permit include:

- Amending the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solid (TSS) limits as a result of the change in pulping and papermaking processes.
- Requiring nutrient and bacteria monitoring, sediment monitoring, development of a stormwater pollution prevention plan, and a mixing zone study.
- Adding corrective actions when the turbidity of the discharge at Outfall 002 is greater than an amount allowed by the permit.

Read the permit's fact sheet for more information.

## Commenting

Effective comments tell us if we correctly applied current laws, rules, and regulations to this action.

Effective comments:

- Relate to the potential impacts from this action.
- Are focused.
- Refer to the conditions and requirements in the action.
- Are specific. Tell us what your concern is and how you think the action should change.
- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

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If we determine there is significant public interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice and publish the time, date and location of the hearing.

When the comment period ends, we'll review the comments received and make a final decision, which may include changes to the permit.

## Facility information

Located at 1902 Marine Drive in Port Angeles, the mill discharges treated wastewater to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which is part of the Salish Sea. It is in the process of changing its operations to produce paperboard from wastepaper and expects to resume operations in the winter of 2019.

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