

# Bellingham Bay Cleanup Sites



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

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## 2020 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 fact sheet:

- Reports the progress made in 2019.
- Provides the current status.
- Describes work planned in 2020.

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.

## 2019 Progress

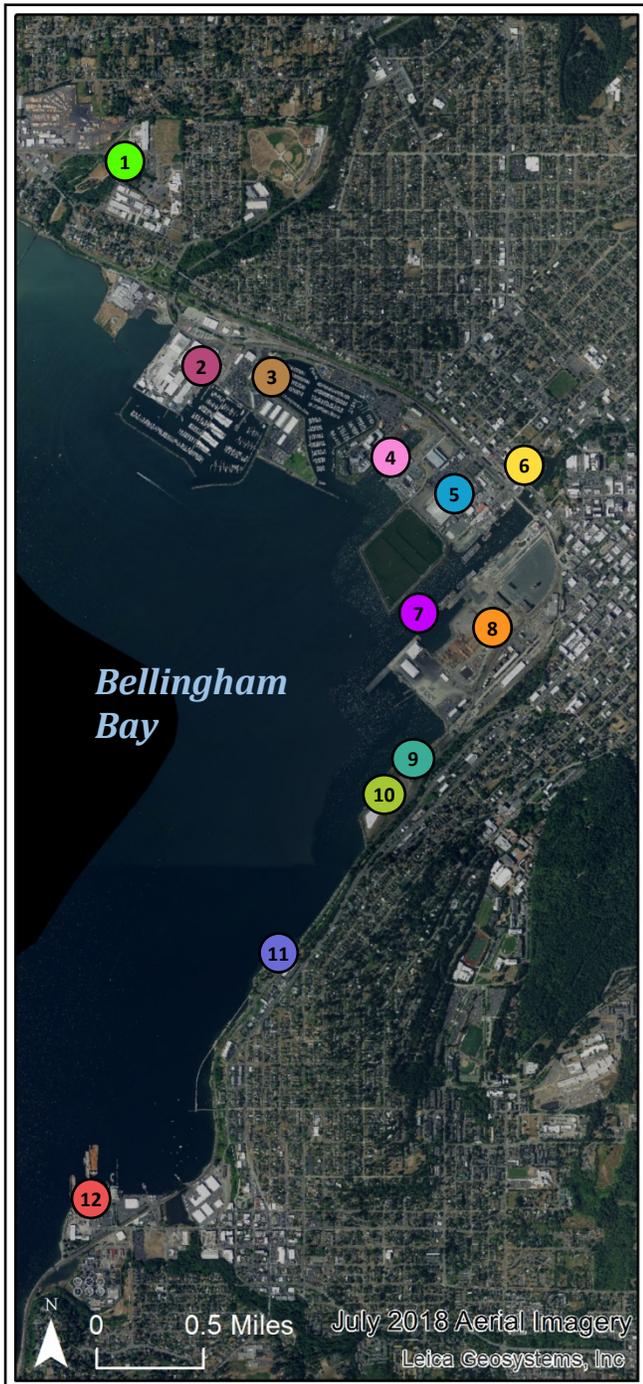
In 2019 a number of important cleanup documents were completed to prepare for construction in 2021.



## Cleanup Status and Planned Work in 2020

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: <http://www.ecology.wa.gov/BellinghamBayCleanup>

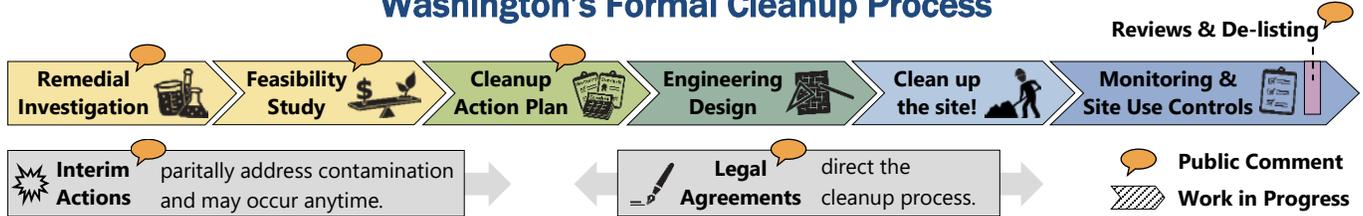


*Bellingham Bay cleanup sites, 2018 aerial image*

### Cleanup Site Name

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

### Washington's Formal Cleanup Process



#### Current Status

#### Planned Work in 2020

1	<b>Cleanup action complete; Site Use Controls under development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Site Use Controls: legal controls to ensure the cleanup is not compromised</li> </ul>
2	<b>Cleanup Action Plan under development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Cleanup Action Plan</li> <li>Begin Engineering Design</li> </ul>
3	<b>Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Pending</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending</li> </ul>
4	<b>Engineering Design underway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Engineering Design</li> </ul>
5	<b>Engineering Design pending</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin Engineering Design</li> </ul>
6	<b>Cleanup process complete</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue monitoring</li> </ul>
7	<b>Phase 1 Areas: Cleanup action complete; Site Use Controls under development; Monitoring underway</b> <b>Phase 2 Areas: Engineering Design pending</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Site Use Controls: legal controls to ensure the cleanup is not compromised</li> <li>Begin Engineering Design</li> </ul>
8	<b>Northern Area: Cleanup action complete; Site Use Controls complete; Monitoring underway</b> <b>Southern Area: Cleanup Action Plan under development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue monitoring</li> <li>Complete Cleanup Action Plan</li> <li>Begin Engineering Design</li> </ul>
9	<b>Engineering Design underway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Engineering Design in coordination with Cornwall Ave Landfill Engineering Design</li> </ul>
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*View of Bellingham Bay and Mount Baker looking east.*

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### 2019 Progress



**4 Legal Agreements** amended or created.



**1 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study** report completed.



**2 Cleanup Action Plans** completed.



**2 Engineering Design** documents completed.

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