

# Blaine Marina Inc. Cleanup Site

2016 Aerial photo-Blaine Marina

## CONTACT & INFORMATION

Comments accepted:  
May 7 – June 5, 2018

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Facility Site ID: 2888

Site Cleanup ID: 63

## Cleanup document ready for review

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to review a draft legal agreement, called a Consent Decree, for the Blaine Marina, Inc. Cleanup Site (Site). Ecology and the Port of Bellingham (Port) are entering into this agreement to settle final liability for the Site. The Consent Decree will require the Port to complete cleanup at the Site under a Cleanup Action Plan.

The following documents will be available from May 7 through June 5, 2018 for review:

- **Draft Consent Decree (CD):** legal agreement requiring the liable party to complete cleanup at the Site.
- **Engineering Design Report (EDR):** document that provides details on how to implement a cleanup plan.
- **State Environmental Policy Act-Determination of Non-Significance (SEPA DNS):** a determination that the cleanup work is not likely to harm the environment.

## Ecology will host a public meeting to provide information & take comments

Thursday, May 10, 2018; 6-8PM  
Blaine Boating Center  
Port of Bellingham  
235 Marine Drive  
Blaine, WA 98230

## Cleanup Action Plan

The Consent Decree, once finalized, will require the Port to implement a Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). Under the CAP the Port will:

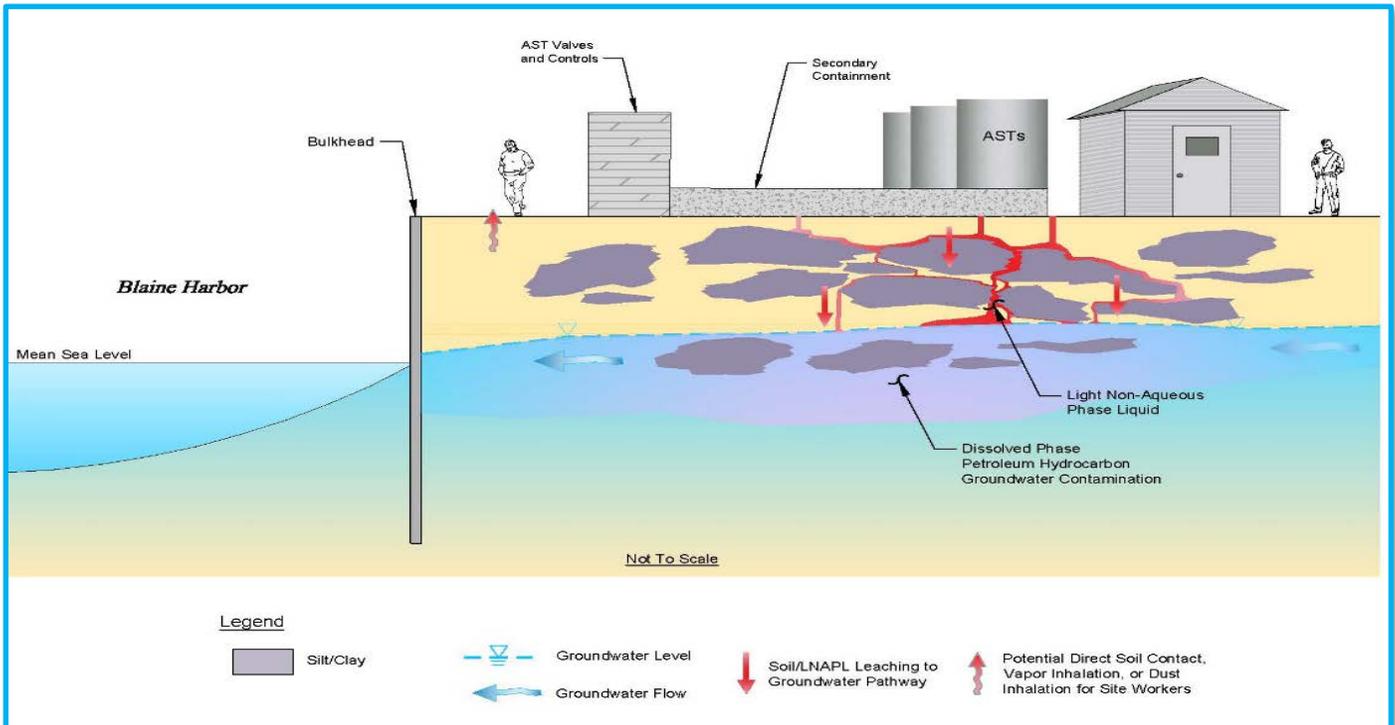
- Decommission, demolish, and dispose of the above-ground storage tanks (AST), fueling system, and adjacent buildings;
- Excavate approximately 3000 tons of contaminated soil and oil and either treat or dispose it;
- Install a temporary containment system of soil and pavement to prevent human contact with contamination until cleanup is complete;
- If needed, extend a sheetpile bulkhead that was installed in 2015;
- Enhance the activity of naturally existing soil bacteria to break down and eliminate low-level soil and groundwater contamination (bioremediation);
- Use monitoring programs where needed to ensure environmental cleanup goals are met;
- Use property controls, including paving, clean soil replacement, and groundwater restrictions, to ensure that all actions and systems continue if cleanup takes longer than anticipated.

## Engineering Design Report

In order to implement the CAP, the Port developed an EDR. It describes all technical specifications and details of the CAP, and how construction will be done. It also explains the safety and monitoring precautions that the Port will take at the Site during and after construction.

## State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

Ecology has determined that the work to be done under the CAP will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment. Ecology will not finalize this DNS until the 30-day comment period is completed.



## Site History & Background

The Blaine Marina, Inc. site is located in the western portion of the Blaine Harbor industrial area. The Port has leased this property to Blaine Marina, Inc. for use as a tank farm and fueling facility since the 1950's. In 1955 the tenant installed three aboveground storage tanks to store gasoline and diesel fuel for dispensing at the fueling dock, and also for filling tanker trucks to deliver home heating oil. The fueling facility also once supported commercial and recreational boating activities at the marina.

Investigations across the Site have found petroleum, metals, volatile organic compounds, and naphthalene in groundwater and soil at the Site. Most contamination at the Site appears to be the result of an accidental fueling release by the tenant reported in 1990. Contaminants exist at potentially harmful levels and must be addressed under Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Although the Port did not cause this contamination, it is responsible under MTCA for cleanup of the Site.



### En Español

El Departamento de Ecología le invita a comentar acerca de un reporte ambiental para el sitio de limpieza *Blaine Marina Inc.* en Blaine, WA. Para preguntas o traducciones de este documento en español favor de llamar a Gretchen Newman al 360-407-6097 o envíe un correo electrónico a [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov). Favor de referirse al sitio de limpieza *Blaine Marina Inc.*



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### Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, contact Hanna Waterstrat at [hwat461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:hwat461@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-407-7668, or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.