

Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



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Puget Sound.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on plans to clean up a site on Puget Sound. The Custom Plywood Mill Site is one of several properties located on the waterfront in Anacortes that have been studied for cleanup under the State's Puget Sound Initiative. It is located on the west shore of Fidalgo Bay at 35th Street and V Avenue in Anacortes.

You are invited to comment on documents for the Phase II cleanup action in the intertidal portion of the Custom Plywood Mill Site. These include:

- Draft Interim Remedial Action: Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) and Engineering Design Report (EDR) for Phase II
- Draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance for Phase II action

Ecology will accept comments from August 29 to October 1, 2012. See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The Custom Plywood Mill Site was used for lumber and milling operations beginning around 1900. Custom Plywood operated the Site from 1984 until 1991 but all operations ceased following a fire in 1992. In 2007, a portion of the property was sold to GBH Investments, LLC. Wood waste and chemical contaminants were found in upland soil, groundwater and sediment on the Site, which consists of upland, wetland, intertidal and subtidal areas.

Comments Invited

**August 29 to October 1,
2012**

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Ecology's Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4533>

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A dry boat storage yard was located in the northwest part of the property and the rest of the property was vacant with abandoned building remnants and debris. A Phase I interim upland remedial action was completed in the upland area in the summer of 2011. Contaminated material was removed and disposed of off-site, and a 12,000 square foot wetland mitigation area and vegetated buffer zone were constructed in the upland area (Figures 2 and 3). The remaining portion of the Site upland was graded and hydroseeded with grasses, and a stormwater bio-swale was built along the southern section.

Overview of Phase II Remedial Action

The CAP, EDR and SEPA checklist address the shoreline and intertidal/nearshore subtidal area of the Site, known as the Phase II remedial action area. Contamination in the area includes industrial debris, significant wood waste and Dioxins/Furans. In addition, erosion is occurring along the shoreline where storms and waves have destabilized the shoreline. The Phase II remedial action in the intertidal area will remove creosote pilings, construction debris and other marine structures, and will reduce wood waste and contaminant concentrations to levels protective of human health and the environment. Details of the Phase II intertidal clean up are described below.

Intertidal and nearshore subtidal Cleanup

- Remove pilings and other marine structures, where needed, to allow excavation.
- Excavate and dredge contaminated sediment up to 6 feet below sediment-water interface in the nearshore and intertidal areas, and

up to 2 feet below sediment-water interface in shallow offshore areas.

- Dispose of contaminated sediment off-site.
- Construct protective in-water features (spit and jetty extension) for the protection of shoreline and further erosion, and habitat enhancements.
- Connect the consolidated wetland mitigation area to Fidalgo Bay.

SEPA Checklist and Mitigated Determination of Non-significance

SEPA makes sure that environmental values are considered during agency decision-making. Ecology prepared a SEPA checklist to identify potential environmental impacts of the project on the surrounding environment. Ecology determined that any impacts during cleanup actions can be mitigated (Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance). The checklist and determination are both available for public comment.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Gregoire and the Legislature established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Ecology has identified several baywide areas as high-priority cleanup areas, including Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay.

This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound, including the Custom Plywood Mill Site.

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These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites, go to:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html

What Happens Next?

When the public comment period ends on October 1, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. Cleanup documents may be modified based on your comments. The Public Participation Plan has been updated and has more information about the cleanup process and how you can get involved. Ecology will notify you about future cleanup work and public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.



Figure 1: The Custom Plywood Mill Site is located on the west shore of Fidalgo Bay near 35th Street in Anacortes, WA.

Custom Plywood Mill Site



Figure 2



Figure 3

The Custom Plywood Mill Site is located on the west shore of Fidalgo Bay near 35th Street in Anacortes, WA. Pictured to the left are before (Figure 2) and after (Figure 3) photos of the Phase I upland cleanup.

This public comment period is addressing the Phase II in-water cleanup action. This cleanup in the intertidal and selected subtidal area will result in the demolition and removal of structures, pilings and contaminated sediments. The interim remedial action will also provide shoreline protection and habitat enhancements.

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Custom Plywood Mill Site, Anacortes Skagit County, WA

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