

Whatcom Waterway Cleanup



Project Overview

This project consists of cleaning up historic contamination within a portion of the 200-acre Whatcom Waterway cleanup site on Bellingham's downtown waterfront. Cleanup crews will:

- Remove 159,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment and 263 tons of creosote-treated timber
- Remove concrete and asphalt rubble from nearly a mile of shoreline
- Isolate contaminated sediment with 126,000 cubic yards of clean material
- Install sheet pile retaining walls on the north side of the waterway
- Remove vertical bulkheads and structures, and build habitat friendly slopes on the south side of the waterway

Update – September 22, 2015

Accomplishments

- Significant shoreline debris removal
- Sheet pile retaining wall installation has started on the north side of the waterway
- Dredging of contaminated sediment has started

Next Milestones

- Removal of the Clarifier on the south side of the waterway

Project Details

- Status – Construction
- Contract Awarded – May 19, 2015
- Contract Amount - \$31,609,756
- Contractor – American Construction (Tacoma, WA)

Potential Impacts

- **Noise:** Work will occur 24 hours a day, six days a week
- **Odors:** The dredge material may have a moderate odor similar to the smell of low tide

