

# Focus Puget Sound

## Port Gardner Bay



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The Everett waterfront is a treasure, serving local and regional needs for business and industry, recreation, housing and cultural activities. The PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE is focusing energy and resources on cleaning up contaminated waterfront sites. In Everett, local, state and federal agencies, local Native American tribes, businesses and property owners are working to restore the waterfront – cleaning up several old industrial sites and restoring waterfront areas for fish, animals and people. This unique, baywide collaboration means more cleanups and restoration are happening faster. Important waterfront uses – marinas, parks, recreation, housing, fishing, cultural uses and others – can thrive in a revitalized and healthy waterfront environment.

The action is in the bay - Port Gardner Bay. The map on the right highlights several ongoing activities, all aimed at making the area, and Puget Sound, healthier. Read on, and learn how you can be part of renewing the Everett waterfront!

### Cleanups Support Other Waterfront Opportunities



Waterfront industry plays a major role in Everett's history and today anchors the local economy. As waterfront sites are cleaned up and restored, marine industries can prosper.



People who use the waterfront, fish or forage in the bays and interact with the waterfront environment, will benefit as toxics, debris and sources of contamination are removed from the environment. Improving human health is a major goal of the Puget Sound Initiative.

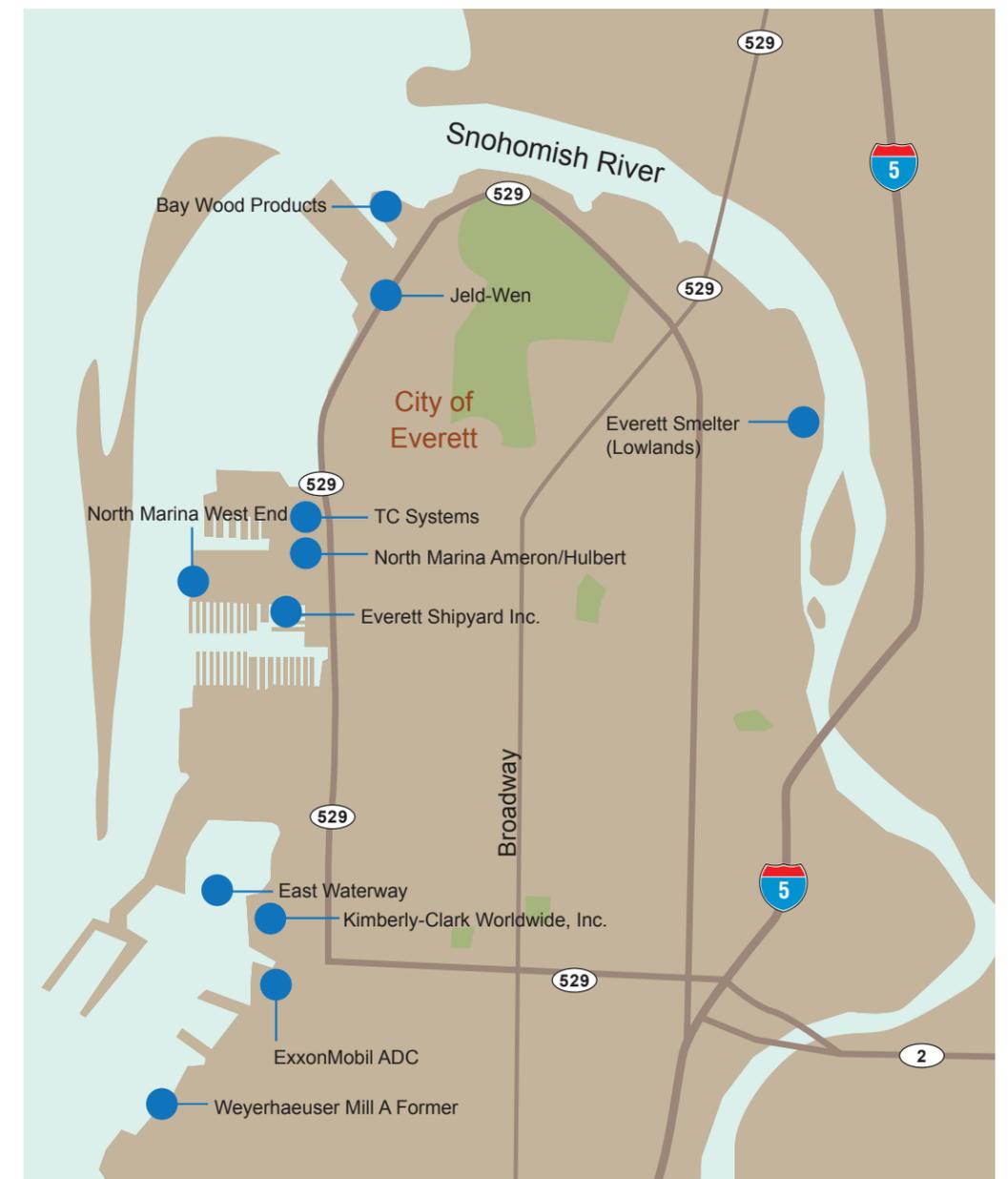


Historically, fish, birds and wildlife thrived in Port Gardner Bay. By cleaning up pollution and improving habitat in the water and on the shorelines, healthy fish and wildlife populations will benefit – on the Everett waterfront and across the Sound.



Regionally, people are increasingly drawn to the gorgeous natural resources of the Everett area to live, work and play. Waterfront cleanups and restoration will open up opportunities for housing, recreation and an overall great quality of life.

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# Site By Site

## See The Waterfront Get Better

### For More Information

Everett is your community, and you can help with this waterfront initiative. We invite you to contact us for more information:

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Watch for cleanup notices to review – we maintain a public information repository at the Everett Public Library. Look for the blue PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE cover.



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#### Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.

The Kimberly-Clark (K-C) Worldwide, Inc. Site was primarily used for pulp and paper manufacturing from 1931 to 2012 and is located adjacent to East Waterway. K-C owns about 73-acres of uplands and 9 acres of tidelands. Past uses also included bulk petroleum storage operations by several oil companies and sawmilling. All manufacturing operations at the K-C facility ceased in April 2012. K-C plans to demolish the mill in 2012 to prepare the property for sale. Historical

sampling in the Site uplands has identified mostly petroleum and metals contamination in soil and groundwater. Samples collected in the marine sediments were found to contain wood waste, as well as contaminants including metals, PAHs, PCBs, SVOCs, and dioxins/furans. Ecology is working with K-C to develop a cleanup agreement for the Site uplands. The in-water area will be addressed as part of a separate cleanup agreement for East Waterway.



#### Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former

From the 1890s to the early 1980s, the Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site was used for sawmill and pulp mill operations and is located at the Port's South Terminal. Samples collected from adjacent marine sediments were found to contain a large volume of wood waste, as well as contaminants including metals, PCBs, PAHs, phenols and dioxin/furans. Upland contaminants include metals, PAHs, petroleum, and several SVOCs. A work plan to investigate Site contamination is currently being developed.



#### Bay Wood Products

The Bay Wood Products Site is a former sawmill (from the 1930s to the 1970s) and log handling and storage facility (1979 to 1994) located at the confluence of the Snohomish River and Port Gardner Bay near the Maulsby Mudflats. An investigation to fully characterize potential contamination at the Site is currently on-going. Primary contaminants identified include PAHs in the uplands and low levels of dioxins/furans in the sediments. Wood waste was also identified in the in-water area. An interim action to address upland contaminated soil stockpiles will be conducted in Fall 2012. Site cleanup is anticipated for 2015/2016.



#### Everett Shipyard Inc.

The Everett Shipyard Site is within the Port's North Marina Redevelopment. Everett Shipyard has maintained shipyard activities at this Site since its founding as Fishermen's Boat Shop in 1947. The shipyard historically operated as a boat building, maintenance and repair facility. Operations at the Site ceased in September 2009. An investigation to fully characterize contamination at the Site was completed in 2010. Primary contaminants identified include metals, PAHs, petroleum, and PCBs in the uplands, and SVOCs (including

PAHs), metals, tributyltin, PCBs, and petroleum in the sediment. Site cleanup of the uplands is anticipated for 2013, and the in-water area will be cleaned up in 2014.



#### Jeld-Wen

The old Nord Door wooden door plant at the Jeld-Wen property located on the Snohomish River waterfront at the north end of Everett is currently being investigated to characterize soil, groundwater and sediment contamination at the Site.

Investigations to date have identified various petroleum products and other pollutants in soil and groundwater. Dioxins/furans and PCBs have been identified as primary contaminants in the sediment. The cleanup investigation is expected to be completed in 2013. Site cleanup is anticipated for 2015/2016.



#### ExxonMobil ADC

This ExxonMobil ADC Site was a former petroleum bulk storage and distribution facility located south of and adjacent to the former Kimberly-Clark Worldwide mill. An investigation in 1998 resulted in building an interceptor trench for petroleum recovery and a Site cover to prevent the spread of contamination. Petroleum gauging

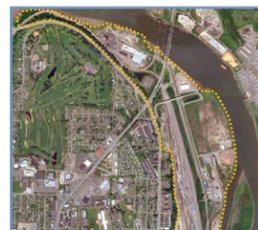
and oil recovery in on-site wells occurs on a monthly basis and the Site's groundwater is monitored semi-annually. An investigation to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil and groundwater at the Site and its potential influence on adjacent surface water is currently underway. A focused set of cleanup options for the Site will be developed.



#### North Marina Ameron/Hulbert

The North Marina Ameron/Hulbert Site is part of the port's North Marina Redevelopment. Primary uses of the Site have included shingle and saw milling, marine support services, and concrete pole and piling manufacturing. Metals, petroleum and other substances contaminate soil and groundwater at this Site. The Port has completed extensive investigation and partial cleanup of the Site uplands under Ecology's voluntary cleanup program, but

more investigation and cleanup work is needed to achieve final cleanup. An investigation to fully characterize contamination at the Site is ongoing.



#### Everett Smelter Site (Lowland Area)

The Everett Smelter Lowland Area is located in north Everett adjacent to the Snohomish River and was home to several former Weyerhaeuser mills. This Site is contaminated with lead, arsenic and other metals. The smelter operated from 1896 to 1912. Ecology received funds to continue cleanup of the Everett Smelter Site as part of a settlement of the ASARCO environmental bankruptcy case. Ecology is currently developing options for

cleanup and management of Site contamination as part of a feasibility study for the Site.



#### North Marina West End

The North Marina West End Site is part of the port's North Marina Redevelopment. Used for commercial, marine and industrial purposes since the 1900s, the North Marina West End Site has a variety of contaminants including metals, PAHs, and vinyl chloride. The Port has completed extensive investigation and cleanup of the Site uplands under Ecology's voluntary cleanup program. An investigation to fully

characterize potential contamination remaining at the Site (i.e., Site groundwater and sediments) was completed in 2009/2010. Primary contaminants of concern at the Site include arsenic, copper, and vinyl chloride in groundwater, and PAHs at one location in sediment. Long-term compliance groundwater monitoring commenced in Jan. 2012. Compliance monitoring for sediments is expected in Dec. 2012.



#### East Waterway

The East Waterway is located in the Everett Harbor area at the mouth of the Snohomish River, directly west of downtown Everett. It is a deepwater port and industrial area with multiple sources of sediment contamination resulting from historical and current industrial and municipal discharges, as well as log rafting, which contributed to high levels of organic carbon and deposition of wood debris. Primary uses of the waterway have included shipping and processing facilities for timber,

pulp, and alumina, deep water shipping operations by the Port of Everett, and naval activities. Historical sediment data show a variety of contaminants such as PAHs, SVOCs including phenols, PCBs, dioxin/furans, and some metals. Ecology and liable parties identified for the East Waterway will work toward entering cleanup agreements to address the contamination.



#### TC Systems, Inc.

TC Systems has supported the aviation and boating industries by chemically treating and painting metal parts since about 1984. TC Systems ceased operations in May 2010. Prior to TC Systems, industrial activities at the Site consisted of a historic shingle mill that was built on pilings, a fiberglass boat construction company, and manufacturing of windows and railings for boats. A cleanup investigation at the Site, which is on-going, commenced in April 2011 and documented contamination

in both soil and groundwater. Primary contaminants identified include metals, SVOCs including PAHs, PCBs, and petroleum. The cleanup investigation is ongoing.



#### Baywide Sediment Study

A baywide sediment investigation of Port Gardner and the lower Snohomish River Estuary was conducted by Ecology. The investigation was performed to: (1) characterize the current sediment quality of Port Gardner, (2) evaluate potential sources of contaminants in sediments, and (3) prioritize cleanups for areas that provide the greatest return in restored ecological values and function upon cleanup. The investigation results are present in a final report dated July 2009. The report can be downloaded from Ecology's website: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/psi/everett/everettSedStudy.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/psi/everett/everettSedStudy.html)