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LOWER DUWAMISH WATERWAY GROUP WEBSITE

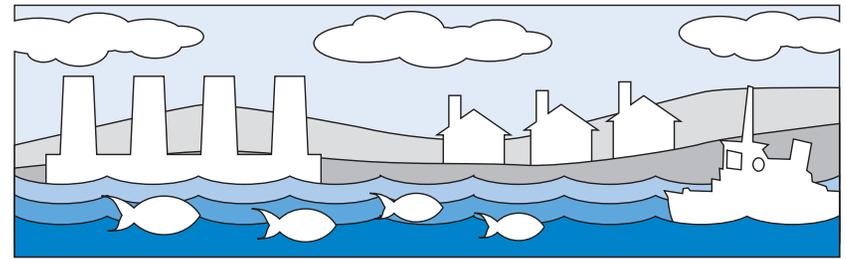
www.ldwg.org

Site documents can be reviewed at an information repository near the site: Georgetown Gospel Chapel, 6606 Carleton Ave. South, Seattle, WA. Call 206-767-3207 for an appointment. Documents are also available at EPA and Ecology offices. Call Cindy Schuster for more information.



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THE LOWER DUWAMISH WATERWAY



SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Being cleaned up
under the guidance of
the U. S. Environmental
Protection Agency and
the Washington State
Department of Ecology



EPA, Ecology and others tour the area near the waterway.



About the Site

In 2001, a roughly five-mile span of the Lower Duwamish Waterway, which flows into Elliott Bay near Harbor Island, was added to EPA's Superfund list. River sediments in this area are contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), which may cause cancer, and other chemicals.



Young salmon are collected for testing.

EPA and Ecology are jointly overseeing studies and cleanup.

The waterway is used for commercial shipping, fishing, recreation, and as wildlife habitat. Millions of salmon pass through the waterway every year.

Marina operations, boat and aircraft building and several other industrial uses, as well as sewer overflows and more than 100 storm drains, have contributed to the contamination.

Parts of the waterway are dredged to keep it open for shipping. Local agencies and volunteers have worked to restore the river for years.

What Kind of Studies Need to be Done?

EPA and Ecology are studying the site with King County, the City of Seattle, the Port of Seattle, and The Boeing Company (for this site, the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group).

Studies focus on finding the sediment pollution and on seeing how much is there and what risk it may pose to human health, to fish

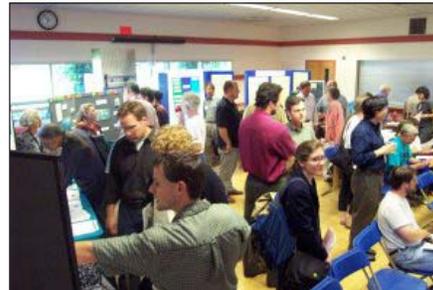
and wildlife. Cleaning up the contaminated sediments may be done by digging them out, covering them with clean materials, or by using other methods.

Ecology, EPA, the City of Seattle, King County, the Port of Seattle, and the City of Tukwila are working to identify and control pollution sources.

When Will Cleanup and Pollution Control Begin?

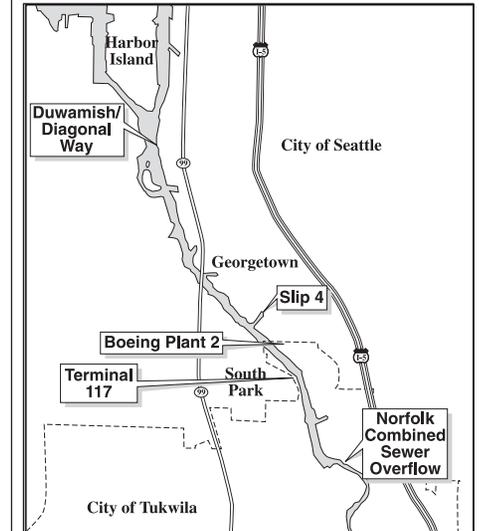
It's already under way. King County completed a one-acre sediment cleanup at the **Norfolk Combined Sewer Overflow** in 1999 and a seven-acre cleanup at **Duwamish/Diagonal Way** in 2004. **Boeing Plant 2, Slip 4** and **Terminal 117** are also slated for early cleanup.

Ecology and other agencies have inspected hundreds of



Community members learn about the project and ask questions at a public meeting near the site.

businesses discharging into the waterway and plan to inspect many more.



The Lower Duwamish Waterway site stretches about five miles south from Harbor Island. The area around the site includes the communities of South Park and Georgetown.



When Will the Cleanup Be Finished?

With such a big, complex site, the exact end date is hard to predict. Finding, studying, and cleaning up widespread contamination can take a long time. By about 2007, EPA and Ecology expect to have finished early cleanups and to have a cleanup plan for any contaminated sediment remaining in the waterway. The last cleanup work should be finished several years after that.