

Zdenek and Kathleen Capson

We support the Cleanup Action Plan for the Westman Marine cleanup site in the Blaine WA Marine Industrial Area as identified in the summary below. We understand that after the Department of Ecology considers public comments and finalizes the documents, the next step is cleaning up the site. This is an important project which should be completed as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Zdenek and Kathleen Capson, Blaine residents since May, 1990.

Upland Cleanup Unit (upland)

- Remove the top 2 feet of contaminated soil and replace it with a cap (or cover) such as clean soil, asphalt, or concrete

- Remove upland marine side rails, sheds, and foundations to access contaminated soil

The cleanup action plan incorporates an early partial cleanup (interim action) from 2014 when the Port removed and disposed of approximately 420 tons of contaminated soil.

Sediment Cleanup Unit (in-water)

- Install a new sheet pile bulkhead (retaining wall) to support sediment dredging along the shoreline and prevent erosion of contaminated soil into the marine areas

- Temporarily remove marine infrastructure to provide access for sediment dredging

- Dredge and dispose of contaminated sediment

- Perform compliance monitoring to ensure the cleanup continues to meet standards over time

Cost and funding

The remaining cleanup work is expected to cost about \$28 million.

The Port is eligible for reimbursement of up to half of their costs from Ecology through the state's Remedial Action Grant Program,0F1 which helps pay for the cleanup of publicly owned sites. The Legislature funds the grant program with revenues from a tax on hazardous substances.