



LOWER DUWAMISH WATERWAY UPPER REACH

## Cleanup Construction News

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### Cleanup Construction Activities

Season 2 construction in the upper reach, the southernmost two miles of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site, will continue through February 2026. Season 2 construction will occur on weekdays and Saturdays, with **work taking place during both daytime and, when needed, nighttime hours**. Work hours will vary based on factors such as tides and the type of work being conducted (e.g., dredging or placing clean material). Work will be coordinated with Tribal fishing.

Please note that in-water construction activities are dynamic and weather-dependent. All schedules are subject to change. Visit [LDWG.org](http://LDWG.org) for the most up-to-date information.

For the most current information, questions, or concerns, you can reach our team at [info@ldwg.org](mailto:info@ldwg.org) or 1-888-561-LDWG (1-888-561-5394). Next week, you can also join us in person for community office hours on **Thursday, October 23 anytime between 12 – 2 p.m.** at **Uncle Eddie's Public House** (more details below).

Map of Cleanup  
Areas

Environmental & Community Report

### Questions about odors in South Park

Over the last week, LDWG has heard about concerns regarding sulfur-smelling odors around South Park, and questions about whether this is related to the Lower Duwamish cleanup construction.

Sulfur-like odors are a common complaint when dredged sediment is exposed to air, similar to the “low tide” smell. We monitor hydrogen sulfide levels in the air both before construction begins and during the initial days of activity. Our initial data in the area showed no noticeable increase in hydrogen sulfide levels during the days before

and three days after construction started. At this time, we don't believe the odor to be from the river cleanup.

There are also facilities in South Park near this stretch of the river that support the sewer system. We have reached out to our partners at Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division to notify them of this odor. They are currently investigating the source of the odors.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will notify the community if any concerns arise.

### What to Expect During the Week of October 20

Cleanup activities will occur in sediment management areas (SMAs) 12B and 15A (see map linked above). The work will occur during the daytime, starting as early as 6 a.m., near the Duwamish River People's Park, South Park Bridge, and Duwamish Waterway Park.

At times when the construction barges are near the South Park Bridge, recreational vessels should use caution when navigating around the construction equipment. The contractor has established an in-water safety buffer around cleanup construction equipment and will warn (using either horn or voice) recreational waterway users, such as kayakers, when they approach.

### What to Expect During the Week of October 27

Cleanup activities will continue in sediment management areas (SMAs) 12B and 15A during the daytime.



*Dredge fleet working on SMA 12B during the day on October 6. Photo taken from the elevated platform at Duwamish River People's Park. (Geosyntec)*



*Dredge equipment working on SMA 12B on October 15, near Duwamish River People's Park. (Geosyntec)*

## Join Us for Community Office Hours, October 23!

The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, the EPA, and Washington Department of Ecology are teaming up to host the monthly Lower Duwamish Community Office Hours. Stop by any time to learn more, chat with project staff, and ask questions.

**Thursday, October 23**  
**12 – 2 p.m.**  
**Uncle Eddie's Public House**  
**8601 14th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108**

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