



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. Construction will occur on weekdays and Saturdays, with **work taking place during both daytime and, when needed, nighttime hours**. Work hours vary based on factors such as tides and the type of work being conducted (e.g., dredging or placing clean material).

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.

If you have 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).

### Join us for Community Office Hours on January 29!

The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group (LDWG), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and Washington State Department of Ecology are hosting monthly Lower Duwamish Community Office Hours. Stop by any time to learn more about the cleanup work, chat with project staff, and ask questions.

Thursday, January 29  
4 – 6 p.m.  
Georgetown Brewing  
5200 Denver Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98108

[Map of cleanup areas](#)

### Environmental and Community Report for the Week of January 5

[View Last Week's Environmental and Community Report](#)



WATER



AIR



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With oversight from the U.S. EPA, we are working to minimize the impact of construction on those who work, live, and spend time along the Duwamish Waterway. Stay informed about environmental monitoring and construction activities by viewing our weekly report linked above.

## What to Expect During the Week of January 19

Cleanup dredging activities will occur at sediment management areas (SMAs) **9**, **11A**, and **12B** ([see map](#)). We will be placing clean material in SMA **15A** where dredging is complete, and in SMA **9** once dredging is complete. All the work will occur during the daytime, between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Cleanup activities will occur on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 19.

## What to Expect During the Week of January 26

Cleanup activities will take place at SMAs **12B** and **9**. Work will occur during the daytime, between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### Monitoring for and containing sheens during cleanup activities at SMA 12B

After observations of the sheens near the Duwamish River People's Park in late October, LDWG, U.S. EPA, and partners paused dredging work in SMA 12B ([see map for location](#)).

We developed plans to resume dredging with added precautions, such as preparing additional oil-containment and oil-absorbing booms, skimmers, and increased monitoring to manage potential sheens and protect nearby habitat restoration areas, recreation sites, and water-dependent businesses. LDWG's construction contractor hired [Clean Harbors](#) to be on site as a precaution to ensure that sheens associated with the cleanup activities are contained.

**Dredging in SMA 12B is now expected to resume the week of January 19 and continue through January and early February.** Community members will see additional small boats and oil-absorbing booms deployed along the Duwamish River People's Park in preparation for the dredging at SMA 12B.

Clean Harbors will use the Don Armeni Boat Ramp (1222 Harbor Ave. SW) to launch boats, equipment, and specialized gear to be used on the Lower Duwamish.

[Visit our website](#) to read more about monitoring and containing sheens in SMA 12B.



*Dredging operations at SMA 9 with Mount Rainier in the background  
(January 16, 2026, Geosyntec)*

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