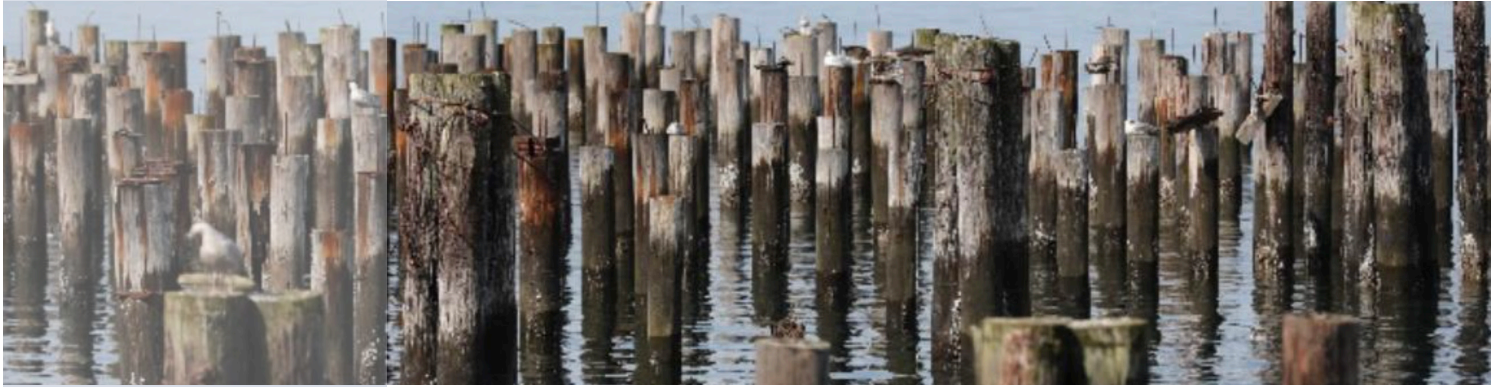




WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DICKMAN MILL REMOVAL



DNR AQUATICS

As stewards of more than 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands, DNR is responsible for ensuring protection of habitat and fostering public access and water-dependent activities for future generations.

Other DNR Aquatics programs include the Derelict Vessel Removal Program, Watershed Resilience Action Plan (WRAP), the Kelp and Eelgrass Conservation Plan and the Tire Pile Removal Program. They are working to make Washington waters cleaner, safer and more habitable for marine species.

Visit dnr.wa.gov/dickman-mill for more information.



Quick Facts

- There are approximately 1,200 pilings at the site.
- Dickman Mill is one of DNR's Filthy Four sites.
- The agency secured funding for these priority derelict structure removals and the creation of the Aquatic Derelict Structures program in the 2023 legislative session.
- Removal is permitted from mid-November through mid-January. It may or may not take this whole time.

Creosote

- The pilings at the Dickman Mill site were treated with creosote which is a toxic cocktail of chemicals used to prevent decay.
- Chemicals in this treated wood is toxic to marine species. The polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) have shown to reduce growth and immune function of juvenile salmonids.
- Creosote poses a threat to human health through exposure to vapors or direct contact.
- Treated wood leaches creosote and can become more toxic with sunshine.

Environmental Benefits

- Washington's nearshore is the building block of a healthy Puget Sound and is critical to salmonids, orcas, and its diverse network of marine life.
- The removal will reduce the threat of creosote leaching into this environment.
- The site will be returned to a natural state to which eelgrass may return.

Removal Process

- The Heavy machinery will be in the water including barges, a crane, and other vessels.
- There may be increased noise and odor at the site during the removal.
- Divers will survey the site after to remove all debris.
- Measures are being taken to protect the environment and marine ecosystem during removal including following safe whale and eelgrass guidelines and creating a sediment cover once all debris is removed.