



City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing Statement on Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site Consent Decree Approval

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The City of Seattle, King County, and The Boeing Company (Boeing) are pleased to announce that the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington approved and entered the consent decree for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site cleanup on Sept. 21, 2026.

The consent decree replaces earlier administrative orders issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that governed the prior work, including the start of the in-water cleanup activities in 2024. The consent decree sets forth the process and requirements for the cleanup of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site.

The [Lower Duwamish Waterway Group](#) (LDWG), made up of the City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing, are signatories to the consent decree with the EPA and the Washington State Department of Ecology. More than 40 other potentially responsible parties, as well as the U.S. government, also signed the consent decree and agreed to pay their fair share of the cleanup costs. The members of LDWG are the parties performing the cleanup under EPA oversight.

Cleanup construction for the uppermost segment of the Superfund site [began in the fall 2024](#). In October 2026, work began on the third construction season. In-water cleanup work for this site is allowed only from October through February to protect certain fish species. The full cleanup of the five-mile Superfund site is expected to take another decade, with long-term monitoring and maintenance to continue beyond that.

Restoring this vital waterway is critical to protecting its ecosystem and those who use the river. The Lower Duwamish Waterway has supported Seattle's economy for more than 100 years. The City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing look forward to continuing to work with the EPA and Ecology, as well as with Tribes and community partners.

For more information about the upcoming cleanup work, visit our [Construction News page](#).

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