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State seeks comment on temporary closure of Willamette Cove

Sediment and water samples to inform future cleanup efforts will be collected during the closure, which would be in effect from mid-August through October

PORTLAND, Ore. – A proposed temporary closure of Willamette Cove would support future environmental cleanup efforts.

The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) today opened a public comment period on the proposal, which would close the cove to boating and other river uses from mid-August through October 2020 to allow sediment and water samples to be collected.

Part of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site, Willamette Cove previously housed a lumber mill and other industrial activities. The state, the City of Portland, and the Port of Portland are working to determine how to implement the Environmental Protection Agency's approved cleanup plan in the cove. Sampling data is needed to inform where cleanup will be necessary and how it will be done. Temporary closure of the in-water project area will allow that data to be collected. [See a map of the proposed closure area.](#)

Comment period open now through July 8

The comment period is open through July 8. Comments must be received by this date to be considered. Written comments may be submitted to DSL's Richard Fitzgerald by email at richard.w.fitzgerald@dsl.state.or.us, or by mail at 775 Summer St. NE, Suite 100, Salem, Oregon 97301.

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