

SB 6422 - DIGEST

Finds that nearshore marine waters in the Puget Sound portion of the Salish Sea are critical to the production of benthic organisms that support the entire food chain.

Requires the Puget Sound partnership, in consultation with the department of ecology, to prepare a report on the effectiveness and pace of the removal of toxic substances from nearshore areas of Puget Sound and provide the report to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Prioritize funding of remedial actions at nearshore and marine zones that impact the recovery of Puget Sound, including the removal of creosote pilings; and

(2) Give preference to clean-up projects by Puget Sound partners that incorporate climate change impacts into remedial action designs and that address marine nearshore environments critical to ecological health and/or the local economy.