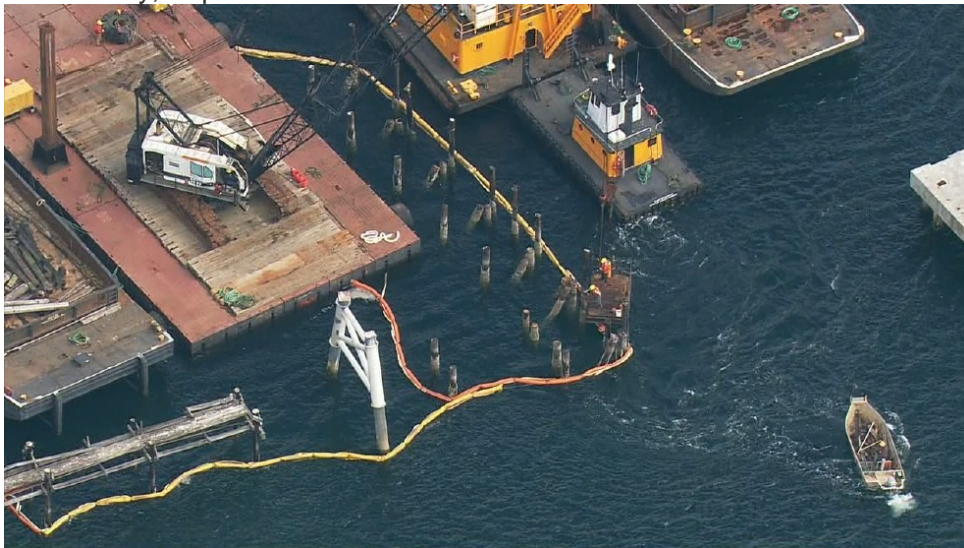


# Maury Island pier being removed to protect Puget Sound marine life

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*DNR crews removing creosote pier pilings off Maury Island, Sept. 7, 2016. (KOMO/Air 4)*

VASHON ISLAND, Wash. - Crews from King County Parks and the State Department of Natural Resources began removing an derelict pier on Maury Island this week.

Officials said the pier is treated with creosote, a chemical that can seep into the water as the pier ages. That chemical is known to kill herring eggs, a fish that's a staple for salmon and migrating birds.

DNR officials said removing the pier's 150 pilings and other structures will improve vital shoreline habitat in the 275-acre natural area on Maury Island. The area is home to endangered species like orcas, Chinook salmon and bull trout. They said the project will also help their goal to restore the health of Puget Sound.

The project is expect to last about two weeks and wrap up by September 20th.