

January 25, 2017

**SUBJECT:** DMMP SMALL PROJECT NO-TEST EVALUATION OF THE PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET BOAT LAUNCH MAINTENANCE DREDGING WITH UPLAND DISPOSAL.

- 1. Introduction.** This memorandum documents the Tier 1 evaluation by the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources, and the Environmental Protection Agency) of the Port of Grays Harbor (Port) 28<sup>th</sup> Street boat launch maintenance dredging (Figure 1). This evaluation resulted in a no-test determination.
- 2. Project.** The Port proposes to remove approximately 343 cubic yards (cy) of Grays Harbor sediment from the 28<sup>th</sup> Street boat launch as part of a larger project to remove and replace the existing boat launch. The sediment will be disposed at an approved upland facility.
- 3. Evaluation.** Under DMMP guidelines, projects for which upland disposal is planned do not ordinarily require testing of the dredged material if they are ranked moderate or less, but they do require evaluation under the Department of Ecology's antidegradation standard. The Port project is located approximately on the north shore of the Chehalis River within the Hoquiam Reach near Hoquiam, Washington. An EIM map search revealed that no sediment data has previously been collected from within the specific project area. However, this area is immediately downstream of the Port of Grays Harbor Terminals 1 and 2; both Terminals are low-ranked according to the 2016 DMMP User Manual. Sediment testing of Terminals 1 and 2 in 2014 resulted in a DMMP Suitability Determination approving open-water disposal (DMMP, 2015). Chemical testing of nearby Grays Harbor navigation channel sediment by Seattle District in the vicinity of the project area has demonstrated that this area is of low concern for chemical contamination (DMMP, 2011).

For projects up to a moderate rank, the DMMP User Manual recommends <1,000 CY as a "no test" volume. A review of Ecology's database "What's in My Neighborhood" reveals two cleanup sites within 0.25 mile of the project site. Both cleanups were completed, and are listed as "no further action".

- 4. No-Test Determination.** This project is located in an area of low concern with regard to sediment contamination and upland disposal is proposed. Furthermore, the proposed dredged material volume is less than the "no-test" volume of 1,000 CY. Based on this information, the DMMP agencies have determined that the sediment exposed by dredging is likely to meet the State of Washington antidegradation standard and therefore, no DMMP testing of the leave surface is required for this project.

This determination does *not* constitute final agency approval of the project. During the public comment period that follows a public notice, resource agencies will provide input on the overall project. A final decision will be made after full consideration of agency input, and after an alternatives analysis is done under section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

- 5. References.**

DMMP, 2010. *Determination on the Suitability of Proposed Federal Operation and Maintenance Dredged Material from Grays Harbor, Washington (Public Notice CENWS OD-TS-NS-38) Evaluated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for Open-Water Disposal at the South Jetty or Point Chehalis*

*Dispersive Sites, or at South Beach or Half Moon Bay Beneficial Use Sites.* Prepared by the USACE for the DMMP Agencies. December 2, 2010.

DMMP, 2015. *Determination Regarding the Suitability of Proposed Dredged Material from the Port of Grays Harbor Terminals 1, 2, 3 and 4, Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, for Open-Water Disposal at the South Jetty or Point Chehalis Dispersive Sites or for In-water Beneficial Use.* Prepared by USACE for the DMMP agencies. February 20, 2015.

6. **Signatures.** This determination was coordinated by the undersigned with Laura Inouye (Ecology), Erika Hoffman (EPA), and Celia Barton (DNR).

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