

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

October 2, 2012

SUBJECT: TIER 1 SUITABILITY OF LD COMMODITIES NORTHWEST FACILITIES, LLC DREDGING PROJECT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON WITH UPLAND DISPOSAL.

- 1) **Background.** LD Commodities Northwest Facilities, LLC operates a barge loading facility at the Port of Kahlotus, located in rural Franklin County, Washington. In July, LD Commodities was notified that a grain barge had touched down on some rocks along the bottom of berthing area. A hydrographic survey identified approximately 45 cubic yards (cy) of 1-3 foot diameter aggregate rock that had accumulated along the dolphin breasting line and needs to be dredged. The material will be placed on the property in an area outside the 100-year floodplain.
- 2) **History.** Since 1963, LD Commodities Northwest Facilities has operated a grain elevator and barge loading facility located on the north shore of the Snake River at RM 38.5. The site is used for shipping locally grown grain down river on river barges.
- 3) **Coordination with DMMP Agencies.** Under DMMP guidelines, projects in low, low-moderate and moderate ranked areas with less than 1000cy of material and with little reason to believe that unacceptable adverse effects are possible meet the "no test" designation. An EIM query showed no sediment data has previously been collected from within or near the project area. No dredging has previously occurred at the site. The site is minimally developed and no potential sources were identified in the area.

The project was coordinated as a no-test project. Ecology, EPA, and DNR all concurred with this determination.

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