



**SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)
PORT OF EVERETT**

**South & Central Basin Marina Maintenance Dredging, Phase 2
File No. 2017-06**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The Port of Everett (Port) is proposing to perform maintenance dredging of portions of the South and Central Marina basins. The proposed work is considered to be the second phase of a maintenance dredging program that was initiated in 2010. The Port needs to restore working depths in the central and south basins of the Marina to prevent boats and dock infrastructure from grounding. The authorized dredge elevation in the Marina is -12 feet mean lower low water (MLLW).

The Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) issued a suitability determination on March 30, 2017, which stated that 160,250 cubic yards of Marina sediment that was tested is approved for open-water disposal.

The proposed project area is immediately adjacent to the former Everett Shipyard (ESY) Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) environmental cleanup site. The cleanup has been completed. The proposed dredge project will not impact the MTCA cleanup site.

Dredging will be conducted in two phases, Phase 2A and Phase 2B. In total, 137,750 cubic yards of material will be dredged.

The first phase, Phase 2A, and includes approximately 76,750 cubic yards of material to be dredged over an area of approximately 11.1 acres to a design dredge elevation of -12 feet MLLW, plus 2 feet of over-dredge allowance. The exception will be dredged material management unit (DMMU) 9, which will have a design dredge elevation of -11 feet MLLW, plus 2 feet of over-dredge allowance. The Phase 2A dredge volume includes 74,000 cubic yards of material that is approved by the DMMP for open-water disposal at the Port Gardner nondispersive disposal site. Also included in Phase 2A is 2,750 cubic yards of material that was not included in the suitability determination, as it is located beyond the area that was tested. This material will be disposed of at an appropriate upland site.

The second phase, Phase 2B, and will include dredging approximately 61,000 cubic yards of material over an area of approximately 10.3 acres to a design dredge elevation of -12 feet MLLW, plus 2 feet of over-dredge allowance. All of the dredged material from Phase 2B is approved by the DMMP for open-water disposal at the Port Gardner nondispersive site.

Dredging will be conducted using a mechanical dredge (e.g., clamshell, fixed arm excavator, etc.). Suitable dredge material will be disposed of at the Port Gardner nondispersive disposal site. The dredged material will be transported to the disposal site by bottom-dump barge.

Work will be completed in two agency approved in-water work windows. Work under Phase 2A is anticipated to start late fall of 2018 and be completed by mid-February 2019. Work under Phase 2B will be completed by closure of the in-water work window in February 2022.

PROPONENT AND LEAD AGENCY: Port of Everett

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The property is located at approximately 14th Street and West Marine View Drive, Everett, Washington, 98201, in Snohomish County. The Project is located in the NW Quarter of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 5 East, Willamette Meridian. The Snohomish County Tax Parcel Numbers include 29051800209100, 29051800208400, 29051800300800, and 29051800300900.

DETERMINATION: The Lead Agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21, WAC 197-11, and Port of Everett SEPA Policies and Procedures (Resolution 1046). This determination assumes compliance with federal and state law as well as City of Everett ordinances related to general environmental protection. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Information used to reach this determination, and applicable state laws and Port of Everett SEPA Policies and Procedures are available for public review at the Port of Everett Administrative Office (1205 Craftsman Way, Suite 200, Everett, Washington). The documents are also available for review on the Port's website at: <http://www.portofeverett.com/your-port/environment/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Note: Issuance of this threshold determination does not constitute approval of permits. This proposal will be reviewed for compliance with all applicable Federal, State and City of Everett regulations.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and WAC 197-11-350.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENT: The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after the public comment period closes 14 calendar days from the published date below. Comments must be submitted in writing by 4:00 PM July 28, 2017 to the Responsible Official as named below. For general project related questions or additional information, please contact Laura Gurley, Port Planner, at 425-388-0720 or email LauraG@portofeverett.com.

MITIGATION MEASURES:

1. Prior to start of work, all local, State and Federal permits and authorizations will be obtained and all conditions therein adhered to including in-water work timing restrictions.
2. Water Quality Monitoring will be implemented during construction as required under Section 401 Water Quality Certification and applicable authority.
3. The Port will continue to coordinate with the Ecology MTCA Program to ensure appropriate project BMPs are being instituted to protect human health and the environment, considering this project is located near the cleanup area of the former Everett Shipyard cleanup site.
4. BMPs for dredging and material handling activities will be implemented to avoid and minimize potential negative impacts to the environment.
5. In the event noise concerns arise during the dredging activity, the Port maintains a Noise Compliance Hotline (425-388-0269) that is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
6. The Port will require the contractor to utilize real-time positioning control when implementing dredging operations.
7. Based on the results of water quality monitoring, operational controls may be applied to dredging, as required to meet water quality standards, including:
8. Only a bottom dump barge will be used to dispose of material at the DMMP open-water site.

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Appeals: The Port of Everett's SEPA Policies and Procedures, as set forth in Port Resolution No. 1046, do not allow for administrative appeals of Port SEPA determinations. Therefore, appeal of this SEPA determination is governed by RCW 43.21C.075.