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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: DETERMINATION OF THE SUITABILITY OF DREDGED MATERIAL PROPOSED FOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT THE WEYERHAEUSER BAY CITY DOCK (93-2-01231) FOR DISPOSAL AT EITHER THE SOUTH JETTY OR POINT CHEHALIS OPEN-WATER ESTUARINE SITES, OR AT THE 3.9 MILE OCEAN DISPOSAL SITE.

1. Weyerhaeuser is proposing to maintenance dredge approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sediments from its Bay City Dock during 1994, according to their new Corps permit application (93-2-01231). This project was previously maintenance dredged during 1992 and 1993 under Corps permits (OYB-2-014739 / OYB-2-011975), which expired on June 22, 1993, after a two year extension by the Corps. Dredged material was tested during 1992 and 1993 maintenance dredging and was found to be suitable for unconfined open-water disposal. Under the existing interim Grays Harbor/Willipa Bay testing guidelines, after two sequential testing rounds, the recency and frequency of previous testing data may be applied toward future maintenance dredging in lieu of testing. Pending the finalization, adoption and implementation of the Grays Harbor/Willapa Bay evaluation procedures, and finalization of future recency / frequency guidelines, all proposed maintenance dredging activities must be evaluated by the agencies (Corps/DMMO lead) to assess any sediment quality changes occurring since the last testing cycle, to ascertain whether further testing is needed. The previous testing results showed a marked improvement in general sediment quality between the 1992 and 1993 testing rounds.

2. The agencies with jurisdiction over dredging and disposal (Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology, Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency) reviewed the previous testing data and suitability determinations (Enclosures 1 and 2), and determined that no testing would be required for he proposed 1994 maintenance dredging of 20,000 cy at the Bay City Log Dock.

3. The 20,000 cubic yards proposed for dredging during 1994 from the Weyerhaeuser Bay City Dock are suitable for open-water disposal at either the Pt. Chehalis or South Jetty estuarine disposal sites, or at the 3.9 mile ocean disposal site.

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