

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

23 August 1994

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 12,000 cubic yards of sediments from its Bay City Dock during Fall 1994, according to their existing 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. The current permit was issued in 1993 and expires on February 17, 1999. Maintenance dredging of 20,000 cy was last accomplished in February 1994 utilizing interim recency/frequency guidelines. Previous testing of dredged material during 1992 and 1993 was found to be suitable for unconfined open-water disposal. Under the existing interim Grays Harbor/Willapa 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 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. DMMO contacted Mr. Tom Laufmann (Weyerhaeuser, Assistant Land Use Manager) to discuss whether any spills have occurred since the last testing conducted in early 1993, which may have altered the sediment quality at the proposed maintenance dredging site. Tom Laufmann investigated and indicated that there have been no spills or any activities which might alter sediment quality in the dredging area.
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, 2, and 3), and determined that no testing would be required for the proposed Fall 1994 maintenance dredging of 12,000 cy at the Bay City Log Dock.
3. The 12,000 cubic yards proposed for dredging during Fall 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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