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SUBJECT: AREA RERANK DETERMINATION FOR THE PORT OF EDMONDS, MARINA PROJECT, EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (DMMP) POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

1. The following summary documents the DMMP agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, and the Environmental Protection Agency) consensus determination regarding re-ranking the Port of Edmonds Marina, located on Puget Sound in Edmonds, Washington.

2. The dredging areas within the Port of Edmonds Marina are ranked "High" for testing purposes by the 2000 PSDDA Users Manual (Table 3-2). The Port of Edmonds proposes to dredge less than 500 cubic yards from the northeast corner of the marina.

3. At the Port of Edmonds request, Anchor Environmental conducted a SEDQUAL search of relevant sediment quality data within and around the marina. They submitted a letter report to the DMMP agencies requesting an area re-rank consideration from "high" to "moderate", based on data provided in their January 19, 2004 letter report (Enclosure 1).

4. Re-ranking of this project from "High" to "Moderate" for the proposed dredging is supported by the data provided, which show that in general, all chemicals were quantitated below the screening level (SL) guidelines at the single station (ED06) located within the marina, and at all stations surrounding the marina, except at one station (ED8901) located approximately 745 feet outside the marina and proposed dredging area, where the Phenol SL was slightly exceeded.

5. The ranking algorithm stipulates that a "Moderate" rank is supported if data indicate at least one chemical greater than (SL + ML)/2 and ≤ ML (maximum level). Based on the chemistry provided, an area re-rank from "High" to "Low-moderate" is supported by the data. However, the DMMP agencies determined that only a more conservative re-rank from "High" to "Moderate" is warranted at this time due to the limited data available within the marina.

6. Therefore, the Marina dredging area qualifies for an area re-rank from "High" to "Moderate" for the proposed maintenance dredging and future maintenance dredging. Under DMMP guidelines, a "Moderate" ranked small project may qualify for "no-test" if the proposed dredging volume is less than 1,000 cubic yards.

7. Future information bearing on sediment quality within the marina, such as 'spills" or activities within the marina that might result in sediment quality impacts, may alter this determination.

8. This re-ranking determination was coordinated with all DMMP agencies, and the DMMP agencies concurred with the area re-rank determination.

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