

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

August 15, 2012

SUBJECT: TIER 1 SUITABILITY OF FRENCHMAN COULEE BOAT RAMP DREDGING PROJECT, GRANT COUNTY, WA WITH BENEFICIAL USE DISPOSAL.

- 1) **Background.** Grant County PUD is upgrading the boat launch at Frenchman Coulee, on the Columbia River. Approximately 950 cy of material will be dredged from the boat launch area to support the boat launch upgrades, with beneficial reuse in the upland portion of the project area or at another Grant County PUD property.
- 2) **History.** The Old Vantage Highway existed in the project area prior to the construction of the Wanapum Dam. After the 1964 completion of Wanapum Dam, water retained behind the dam raised the shoreline of the Columbia River nearly 900 feet to approximately its current level. The boat launch was established shortly after the dam was installed and is the only structure that has existed on or near the project area.
- 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 in an undeveloped area 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.

The signed copy of this memo is on file in the DMMO office.

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