

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

November 7, 2013

SUBJECT: TIER 1 EVALUATION AND SUITABILITY DETERMINATION FOR COAST SEAFOODS SOUTH BEND FACILITY MAINTENANCE DREDGING, WILLAPA BAY, WA (NWS-2012-1350) WITH UPLAND DISPOSAL AND DEWATERING TO WILLAPA BAY.

- 1) **Project.** The Coast Seafoods Company proposes maintenance dredging of accumulated sediment at their South Bend docks on the Willapa River (Figure 1). Coast Seafoods proposes to dredge up to 800 cubic yards (cy) annually for a period of up to 10 years, with the final 10 year dredged volume not to exceed 8,000 cy. The dredging would be performed from the upland with an excavator or clamshell dredge. Material would be discharged on the uplands, dewatered, and then hauled via truck to an approved upland location.
- 2) **Evaluation.** Under DMMP guidelines, projects in areas of "low" concern with less than 8,000 cy 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 have previously been collected from within or near the project area. The site is in an undeveloped area and no potential local sources of contamination were identified.
- 3) **Tier 1 Determination.** This project is located in an area of low concern, with proposed upland disposal. It meets DMMP small project "no-test" guidelines and therefore no further sediment characterization is required.

This determination does *not* constitute final agency approval of the project. During the public comment period that follows a public notice, resource agencies will provide input on the overall project. A final decision will be made after full consideration of agency input, and after an alternatives analysis is done under section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Signed document is on file in the DMMP office.

4) Signatures.

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