

**SUBJECT:** TIER 1 SUITABILITY OF TAHUYA BASIN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE DREDGING, HOOD CANAL, WA, WITH DISPOSAL ON ADJACENT SPIT AND DEWATERING TO HOOD CANAL.

- 1) **Project.** The Tahuya Basin Home Owners Association proposes maintenance dredging of accumulated sediment in an access channel to homeowner docks (Figure 1). The proposal consists of dredging, via excavator at low tide, approximately 1166 cubic yards of sediment, with placement on an adjacent spit.
- 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 that some sediment data has previously been collected from near the project area, all with no detections of chemicals of concern. The site is in an undeveloped area and no potential local sources of contamination were identified. With this information, the DMMP considered the proposed project to be of low concern, and thus appropriate for consideration under small project no-test guidelines.
- 3) **Tier 1 Determination.** This project is located in an area of low concern, with proposed adjacent intertidal 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 copy is on file in the Corps of Engineers, DMMO.

4) Signatures.

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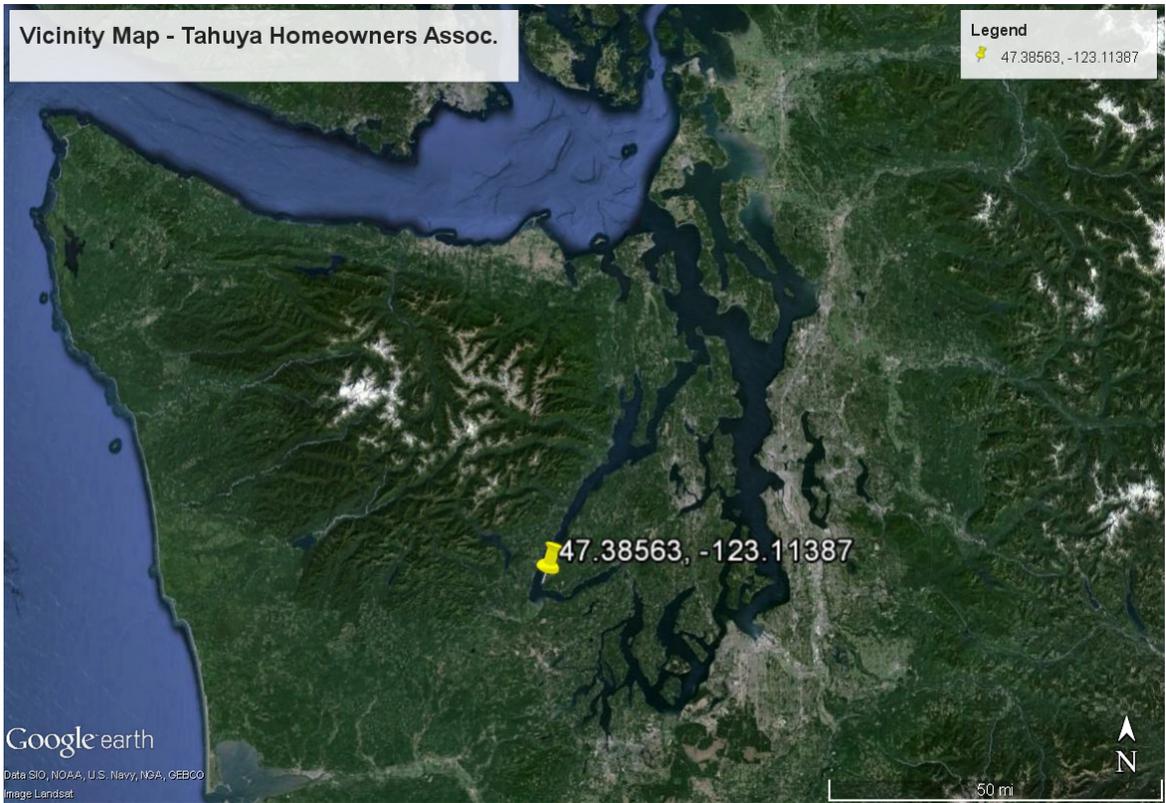


Figure 1. Vicinity Map.



Figure 2. Proposed project dredging and placement area.