

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

3 April 2014

SUBJECT: DMMP RECENCY EXTENSION FOR THE WEYERHAEUSER LONGVIEW CHIP BARGE SLIP AND MOUNT COFFIN SHIP ACCESS CHANNEL.

1. The most recent sampling for characterization of maintenance dredged material at the Weyerhaeuser Longview chip barge slip and Mount Coffin ship access channel occurred in September 2008. A Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) suitability determination based on that sampling event was issued January 2, 2009. The Weyerhaeuser Longview facilities are ranked low-moderate. The recency period for low-moderate-ranked projects is six years. Therefore, the recency period for the chip barge slip and Mount Coffin access channel expires in September 2014.
2. Weyerhaeuser notified the Dredged Material Management Office on March 3, 2014 of their intention to conduct maintenance dredging at the Longview facilities during the October 1 to December 15, 2014 work window (Attachment 1). This includes potential dredging in the chip barge slip and ship access channel.
3. There have been no known spill events or changed conditions in the project area since the original suitability determination was issued. The DMMP agencies are in agreement that extension of the recency period to the end of the dredging window in December 2014 is acceptable.
4. The September 2008 sampling event at the barge slip and access channel was followed in January 2010 by a second sampling event at the salt dock, cargo dock and turning basin, resulting in a DMMP suitability determination dated March 26, 2010. The recency period for these three areas expires in January 2016. Therefore, no recency extension is needed to cover dredging in these areas for the 2014 dredging season.
5. Sediment in the chip barge slip and Mount Coffin ship access channel will need to be sampled and tested again prior to the 2015 dredging season. While the recency period for the suitability determination covering the salt dock, cargo dock and turning basin extends through the 2015 dredging season, Weyerhaeuser has agreed to conduct comprehensive sampling and testing prior to the 2015 work window in order to synchronize sediment characterization for all of its Longview facilities. This includes the chip barge berth, Mount Coffin ship access channel, salt dock, cargo dock and turning basin. A sampling and analysis plan for this comprehensive sediment characterization effort will need to be submitted for approval by the DMMP agencies no later than June 1, 2015 in order to provide adequate time for sampling, testing, data review and finalization of a suitability determination prior to the beginning of the in-water work window on October 1, 2015.
6. The export dock was last dredged sometime prior to the September 2008 sampling event. Due to a lack of in-fill at the time, it was not sampled and tested during either the 2008 or 2009 sediment characterization efforts. Because there is no existing suitability determination for the export dock, dredging may not occur there until the sediment has been characterized. Weyerhaeuser indicated that dredging at the export dock would not be conducted during the 2014 dredging season (Attachment 1). If sufficient sediment has accumulated at the export dock by the summer of 2015 to enable representative sampling, the export dock should be included in the comprehensive sampling and testing effort.

7. References:

Determination Regarding the Suitability of Proposed Dredged Material from the Weyerhaeuser Property, Longview, Washington, for Flow-Lane Disposal in the Columbia River, or for Beneficial Use. Prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers for the DMMP agencies, January 2, 2009.

Determination Regarding the Suitability of Proposed Dredged Material from the Weyerhaeuser Cargo Dock, Turning Basin and Salt Dock, Longview, Washington, for Flow-Lane Disposal in the Columbia River. Prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers for the DMMP agencies, March 26, 2010.

8. Agency Signatures.

The signed document is on file in the Dredged Material Management Office.

Concur:

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