APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A.	REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	(JD): February 8, 2023	
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B. 944	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: <u>Seattle District</u> , Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 4 Rehabilitation, <u>NWS-2022-</u>
	Name of water being evaluated on this JD form: <u>Casting Basin and Stormwater Ponds</u>
С.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Washington County: Grays Harbor City: Aberdeen Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat: 46.965 N, Long: -123.834 W Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Grays Harbor. Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Grays Harbor. Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 171001050204. Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc.) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form. List other JDs:
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): Office (Desk) Determination. Date: February 6, 2023. Field Determination. Date(s):
SEC A.	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
revi	re Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:
В. (CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re Are no "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required
	1. Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of jurisdictional waters Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
	b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List and Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	 Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: Castin Basin, Stormwater ponds, see Section III F for additional information.

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¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A.	If th	ie aq	uatio	WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.
	1.	TN	X /	
	1.			TNW:
		Sun	mari	ze rationale supporting determination:
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	2.			adjacent to TNW ze rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":
		Sun	1111411	ze rationale supporting conclusion that wettand is adjacent.
В.	СН	ARA	CTE	RISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):
	(per	enni	al) fl	at directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round ow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, in III.D.4.
	is no sign trib pur	ot an iifica utary poses	RPV nt ne y in c s, the	at is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. If the waterbody V, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a exus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the its adjacent wetlands, or both.
	wet	lands	, and	ers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite a Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a exus exists is determined in Section III.C below.
	1.	Cha	ract	eristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
		(i)		neral Area Conditions:
			Dra	rershed size: Pick List inage area: Pick List
			Ave	rage annual rainfall: inches
				grage annual snowfall: inches
		(;;)	Dha	sical Characteristics:
		(11)		Relationship with TNW:
			(4)	Tributary flows directly into TNW.
				Tributary flows through Pick List tributaries before entering TNW.
				Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List river miles from RPW.
				Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
				Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from RPW.
				Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
				Identify flow route to TNW ⁵ :
				Tributary stream order, if known:
			<i>a</i> >	
			(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: Natural
				Artificial (man-made). Explain:
				Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
				Total de la companya
				Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: feet
				Average depth: feet

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW. Version 2-8-08

		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Pick List Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:
		Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. Explain:
		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by:
(iii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: tify specific pollutants, if known:
(iv)		ogical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

Average side slopes: Pick List.

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⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

⁷Ibid.

Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW (i) Physical Characteristics: (a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: ____ acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: ___ Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: _____. (b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain: _____. Surface flow is: Pick List Characteristics: _____. Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: _____. Dye (or other) test performed: _____. (c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: Directly abutting ☐ Not directly abutting Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Ecological connection. Explain: Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: ____ (d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are **Pick List** river miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Pick List. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain. (ii) Chemical Characteristics: Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: ___ Identify specific pollutants, if known: (iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: _____. Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: _____. Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: _____. Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: . Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: _____. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List Approximately () acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. For each wetland, specify the following: Directly abuts? (Y/N) Size (in acres) Directly abuts? (Y/N) Size (in acres) Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: _____. C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:

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	2.	Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
	3.	Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
D.		TERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL AT APPLY):
	1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: TNWs: linear feet width (ft), or acres. Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
	2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows perennial: Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters:
	3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters:
	4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
		Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
		Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. ⁹

 $^8 See$ Footnote # 3. 9 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook. Version 2-8-08 5 of 7

	Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
Е.	ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.
F.	NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above): Other: (explain, if not covered above): Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):
	sting Basin: 8.4546 acres. Corps Permit Authorization NWS-2008-151 documents that the casting basin was built entirely within ands. The casting basin was constructed by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).
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	casting basin is a depression related to construction and has not been abandoned; therefore, the casting basin is not considered a water of United States, in accordance with the preamble to the 1986 regulatory definition of Waters of the U.S.
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33 (CFR 329.8 (a) states "Existing improvements: artificial waterbodies:
	An artificial channel may often constitute a navigable water of the United States, even though it has been privately developed and intained, or passes through private property. The test is generally as developed above, that is, whether the waterbody is capable of use to
	rior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for lew consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

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transport interstate commerce. Canals which connect two navigable waters of the United States, and which are used for commerce clearly fall within the test, and themselves become navigable. A canal open to navigable waters of the United States on only one end is itself navigable where it in fact supports interstate commerce. A canal or other artificial waterbody that is subject to ebb and flow of the tide is also a navigable water of the United States.

- (2) The artificial waterbody may be a major portion of a river or harbor area or merely a minor backwash, slip, or turning area (see § 329.12(b) of this part).
- (3) Private ownership of the lands underlying the waterbody, or of the lands through which it runs, does not preclude a finding of navigability. Ownership does become a controlling factor if a privately constructed and operated canal is not used to transport interstate commerce nor used by the public; it is then not considered to be a navigable water of the United States. However, a private waterbody, even though not itself navigable, may so affect the navigable capacity of nearby waters as to nevertheless be subject to certain regulatory authorities."

The gate located at the mouth of the casting basin blocks the basin from being subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. The gate would only open during a flow tide to allow pontoons to be moved out of the basin into the waterway. The gates remained closed when not in use. Therefore, Part (1) above does not apply. Once the gate is closed, water within the basin would be pumped to the stormwater ponds. There is never prolonged inundation of the basin with tidal waters. Therefore, the basin is not considered to be a major portion of a river or harbor area and Part (2) above does not apply. The basin is utilized by a State entity (WSDOT) for their use only and the pontoons created in the basin are not transported or utilized by any out-of-state entity; therefore Part (3) above does not apply. Therefore, this artificial waterbody is not a navigable water of the U.S.

Stormwater Ponds: The stormwater ponds total 1.4 acres. After the temporary concrete batch plant and the permanent process water ponds were constructed in uplands, process water from all activities within the pre-cast laydown and casting basin areas is pumped to the process water pond for treatment. The process water must meet the discharge criteria in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

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The stormwater ponds are associated with a State 402 NPDES permit and are excluded waters under the waste treatment system exclusion as described in the 1986 Federal Regulations preamble.

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B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: ___

The stormwater ponds are not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide nor are the waters presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A.		PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked
	and	requested, appropriately reference sources below):
	\boxtimes	Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Pontoon Construction Project Figures dated
	Dec	ember 8, 2010.
		Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
		Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
		Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
		Data sheets prepared by the Corps:
		Corps navigable waters' study: The waterbody is on the Section 10 Navigable Waterway List for Seattle District.
	\boxtimes	U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: National Regulatory Viewer accessed January 24, 2023.
		USGS NHD data.
		USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
	\boxtimes	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: <u>USGS Topoviewer accessed January 24, 2023</u>
	\Box	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:
		National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
		State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
		FEMA/FIRM maps:
		100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
		Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):
	_	or Other (Name & Date):
	\bowtie	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: <u>NWS-2008-151 Public Notice</u> .
		Applicable/supporting case law:
		Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	Other information (please specify): Washington Department of Ecology National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.
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