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# Joint Public Notice

## Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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**Public Notice Date:** March 15, 2018

**Expiration Date:** April 16, 2018

**Reference No.:** NWS-2011-0089-WRD

**Name:** Tacoma, Port of

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated November 2, 2017.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

**APPLICANT:** Port of Tacoma  
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Attention: Ms. Jennifer Stebbings  
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**LOCATION:** In Hylebos, Blair, and Sitcum Waterways, and Commencement Bay, in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

**WORK:** To conduct maintenance activities at 15 wharf/pier structures over a five year period. Work includes the replacement of up to 200 piles per year (fender piles, dolphin piles, and/or support), and associated pile caps, chocks, whalers, and rub strips at structures located at West Sitcum Terminal, Terminal 7 (A and B), East Sitcum Terminal, Husky Terminal, Washington United Terminal, Blair Dock, PCT, East Blair 1, Parcel 115, Tote, Trident, PSE, Parcel 99, Parcel 105, and Parcel 86. Replacement piles would range from 18-inch diameter to 24-inch diameter and include ACZA-treated wood and concrete piles. Piles would be extracted with a vibratory hammer or by pulling with a choke chain. Piles that break during extraction would be cut off 3-feet below the mudline and the location would be capped with clean sand. Up to 120 cubic yards of clean sand may be placed per year. New piles would be installed with a vibratory hammer. However, some piles may be proofed with an impact hammer and in some instances may be entirely installed with impact hammer. Up to 1,000 piles could be replaced and up to 750 cubic yards of sand could be placed over the five year period.

**PURPOSE:** To maintain function and structural integrity of the existing wharf/pier structures.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The applicant's proposed work duration is over a 5-year period.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant has not proposed mitigation. The project is to maintain existing structures and will not result in an increase in the footprint of these structures.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively disturbed by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**EVALUATION – CORPS:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species,

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historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

**SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL:** The applicant has not yet identified the source of the fill material. Should a permit be issued, the Corps will evaluate the fill material source prior to the start of construction.

**EVALUATION – ECOLOGY:** Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

**ADDITIONAL EVALUATION:** The City of Tacoma has issued an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

**COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD:** Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

**CORPS COMMENTS:** All e-mail comments should be sent to [thomas.f.nichols@usace.army.mil](mailto:thomas.f.nichols@usace.army.mil). Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Frank Nichols, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

**ECOLOGY COMMENTS:** Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, Post Office Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to [ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov).

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Port of Tacoma; NWS-2011-0089-WRD.

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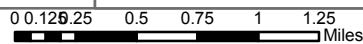
### FIGURE 01 - Vicinity Map

REFERENCE: NWS-2011-0089-WRD (renewal)  
PROJECT: Programmatic Piling Repair  
APPLICANT: Port of Tacoma  
LOCATION: Tacoma, WA

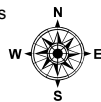
IN: Commencement Bay  
NEAR: Tacoma  
COUNTY: Pierce  
STATE: Washington

- ADJACENT LANDOWNERS:
- 1. City of Tacoma
  - 2. City of Fife
  - 3. WSDOT
  - 4. Puyallup Tribe of Indians
  - 5. Numerous Private Landowners

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DATE: 11/02/2017  
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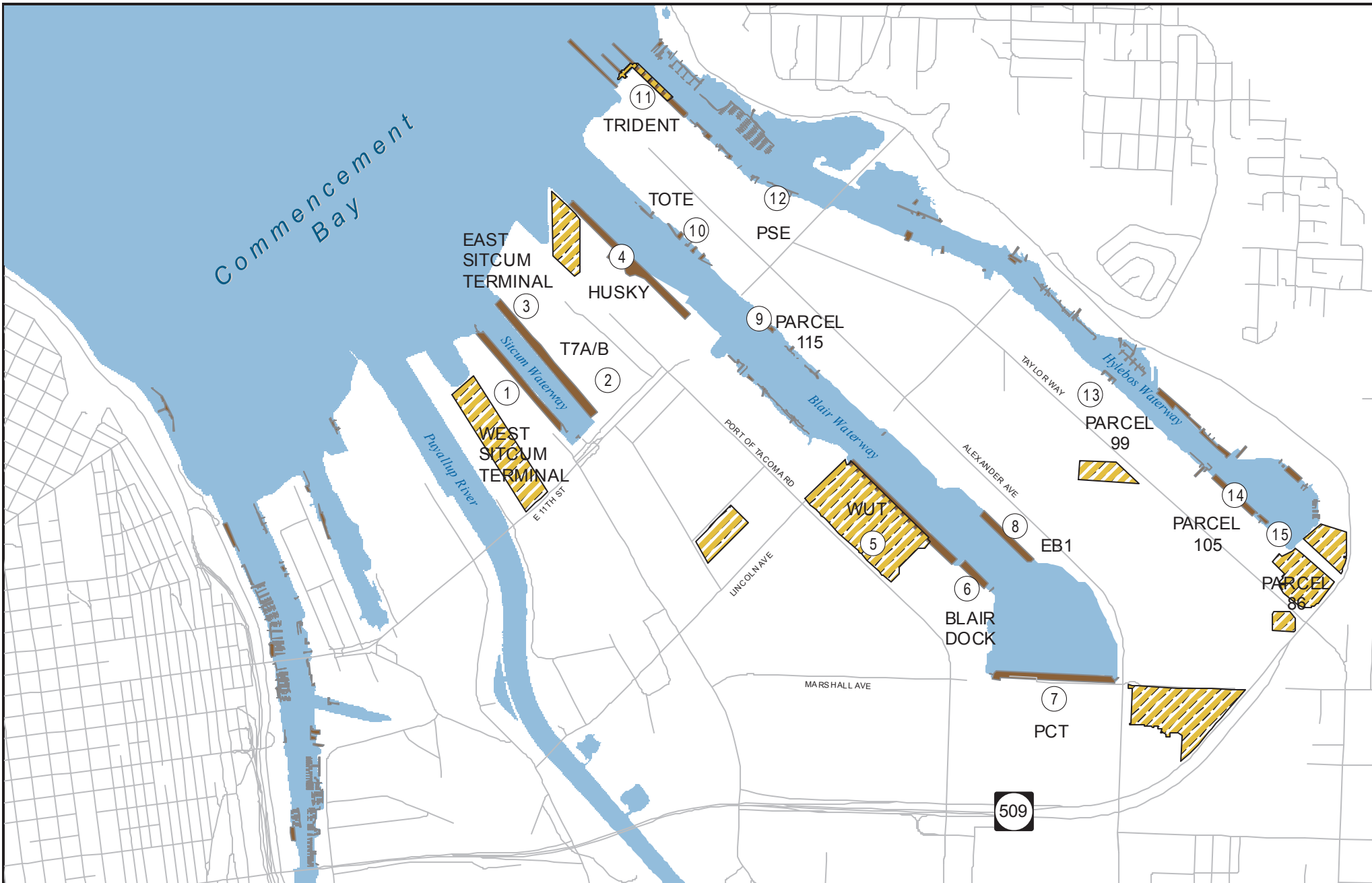


FIGURE 02

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APPLICANT: Port of Tacoma

PROJECT: Programmatic Piling Repair

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|------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| ① WEST SITCUM TERMINAL | ⑤ WUT          | ⑨ PARCEL 115 | ⑬ PARCEL 99  |
| ② TERMINAL 7A/B        | ⑥ BLAIR DOCK   | ⑩ TOTE       | ⑭ PARCEL 105 |
| ③ EAST SITCUM TERMINAL | ⑦ PCT          | ⑪ TRIDENT    | ⑮ PARCEL 86  |
| ④ HUSKY TERMINAL       | ⑧ EAST BLAIR 1 | ⑫ PSE        |              |



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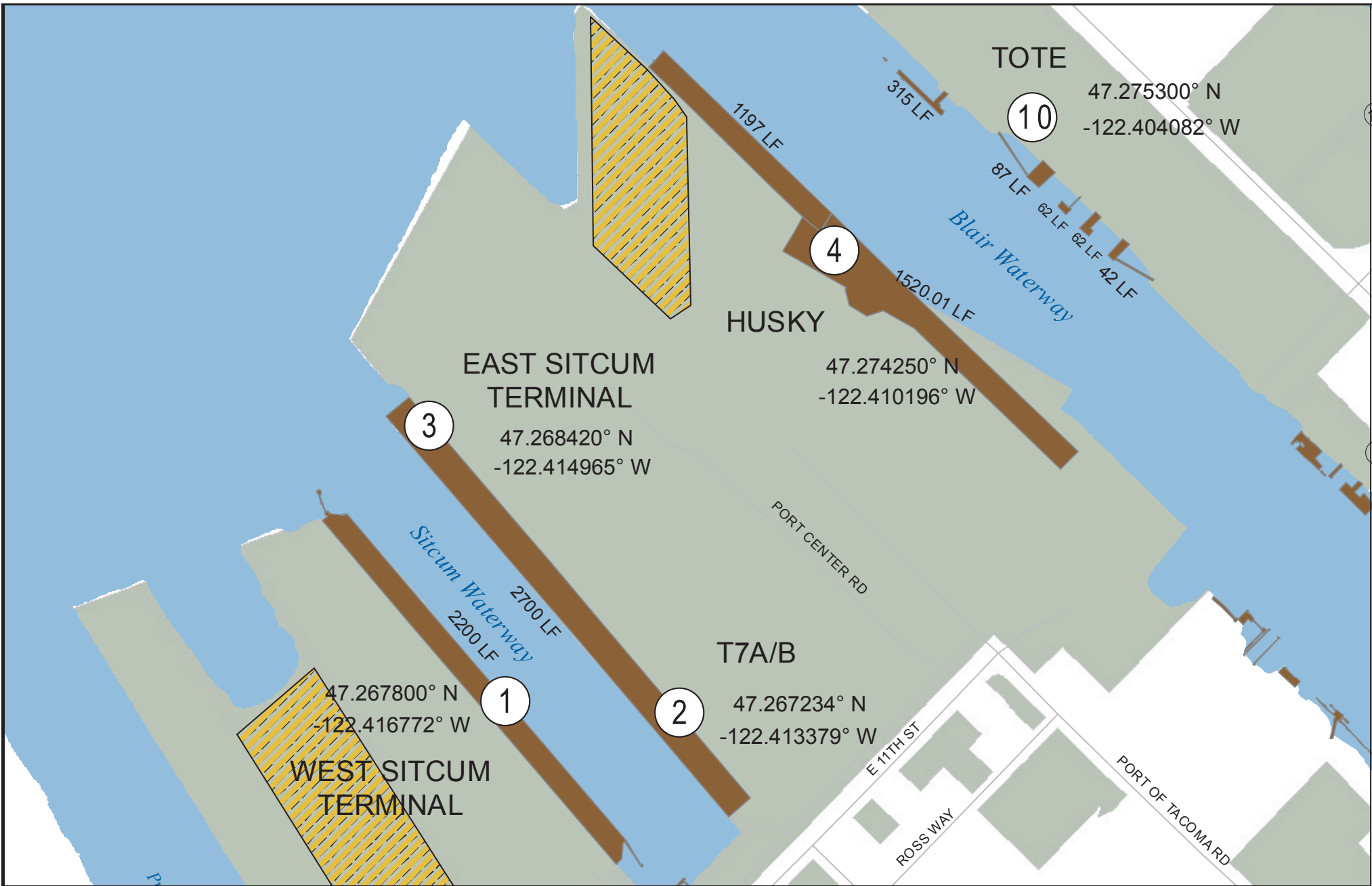


FIGURE 03

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APPLICANT: Port of Tacoma

PROJECT: Programmatic Piling Repair

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- ① WEST SITCUM TERMINAL
- ② TERMINAL 7A/B
- ③ EAST SITCUM TERMINAL

- ④ HUSKY
- ⑩ TOTE



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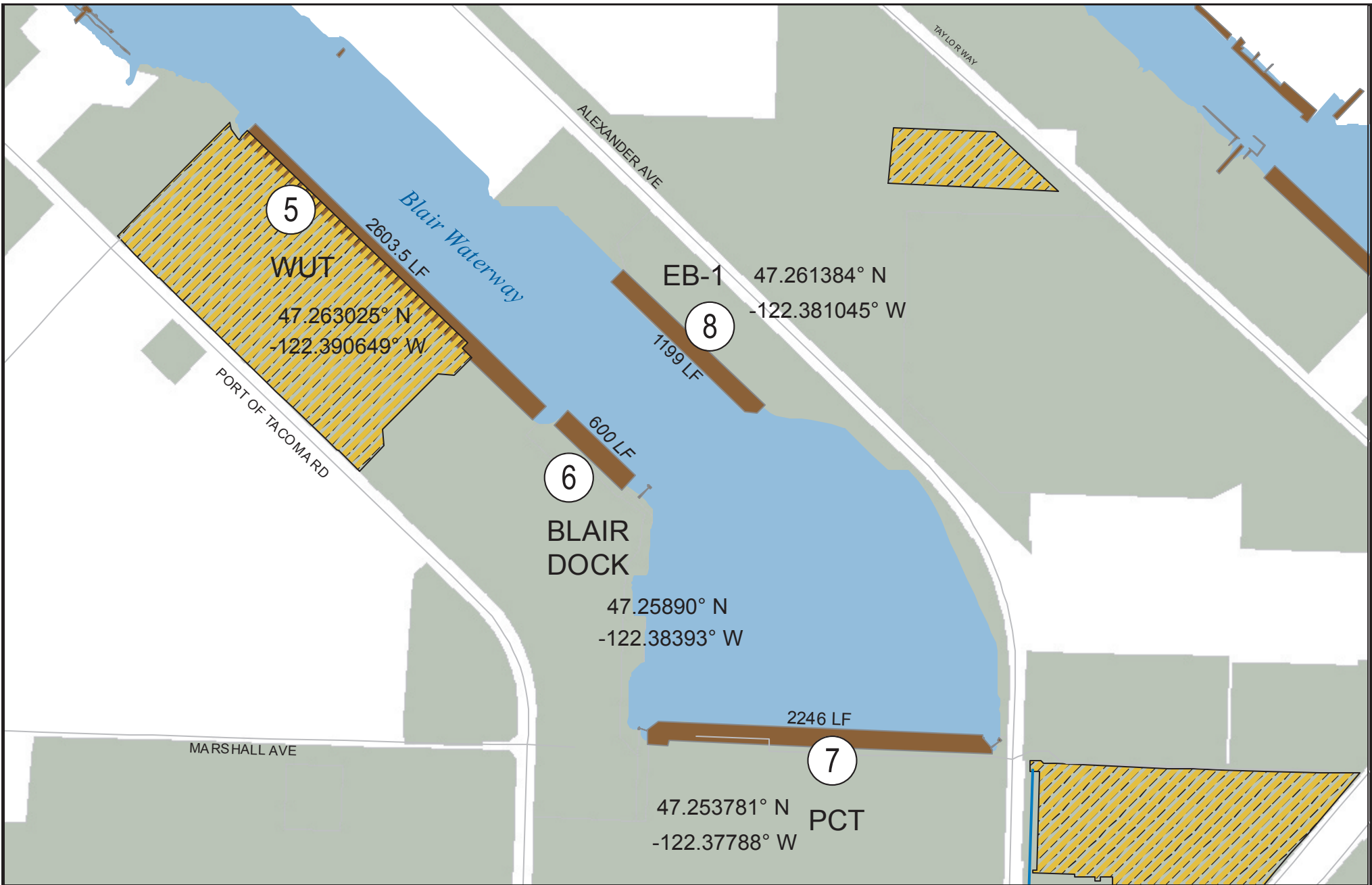


FIGURE 04

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- ⑤ WUT
- ⑥ BLAIR DOCK
- ⑦ PCT
- ⑧ EB-1

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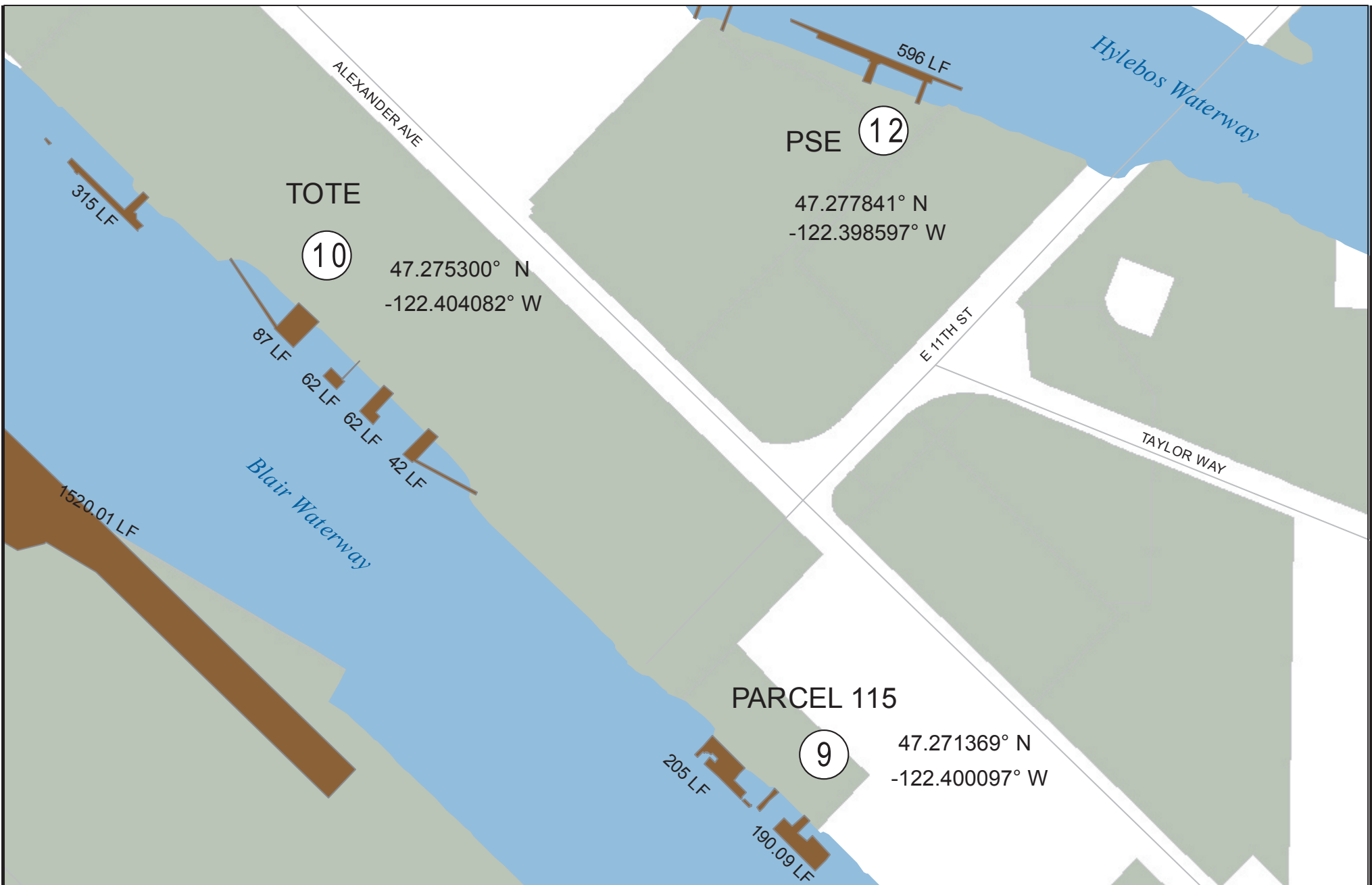


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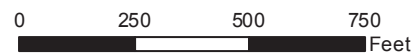
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- ⑨ PARCEL 115
- ⑩ TOTE
- ⑫ PSE



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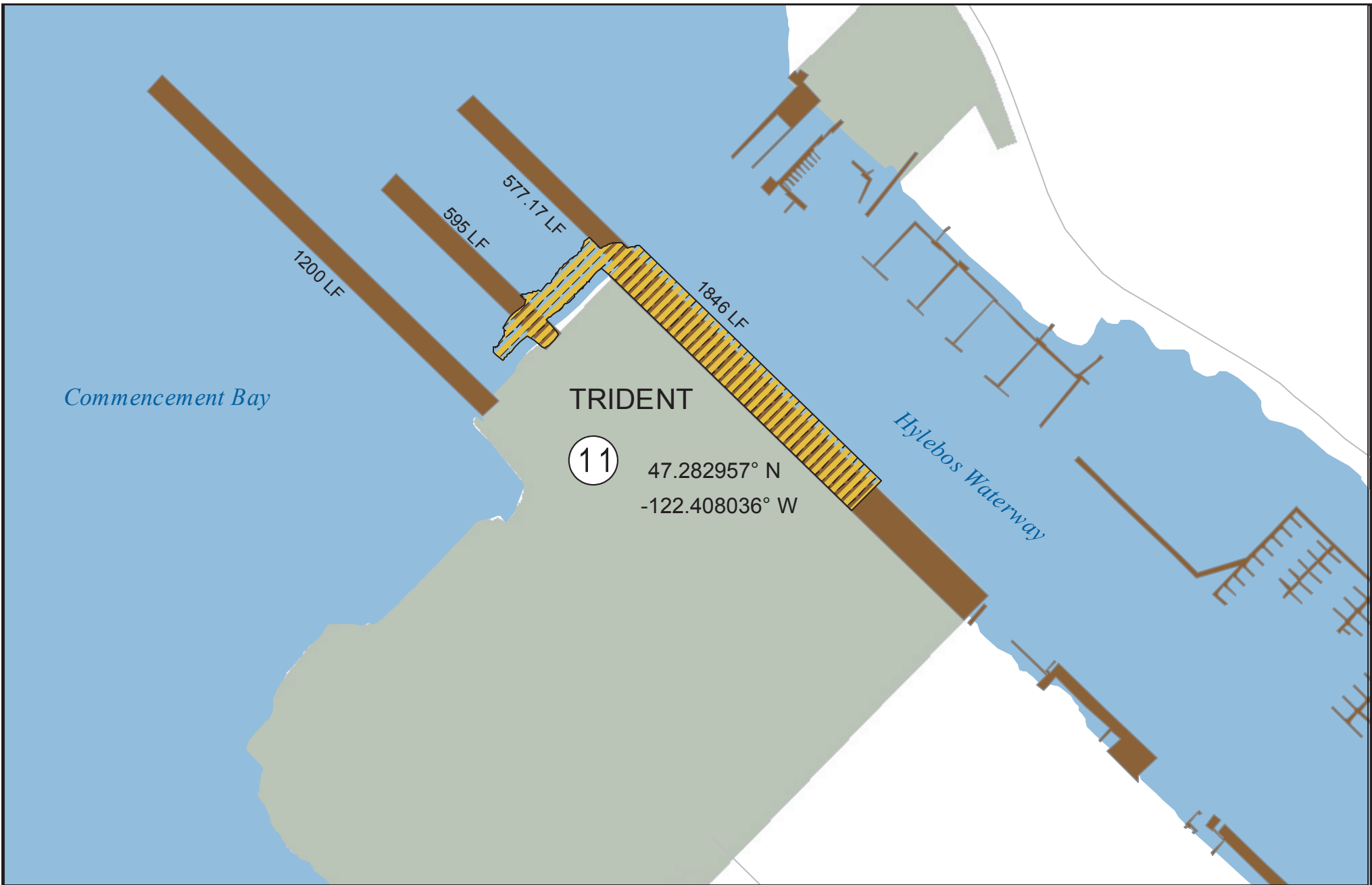
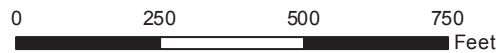


FIGURE 06

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⑪ TRIDENT



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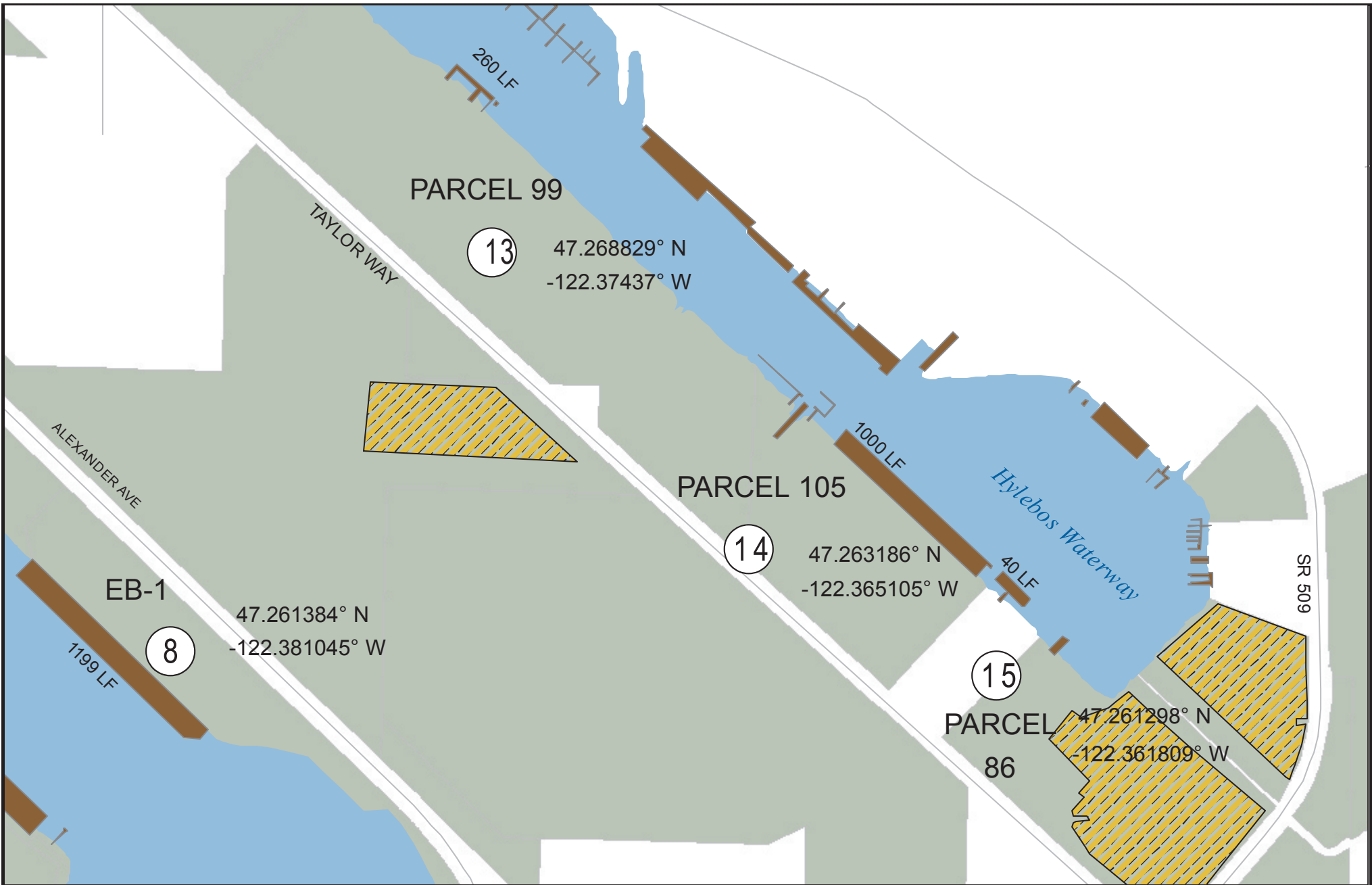


FIGURE 07

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PROJECT: Programmatic Piling Repair

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- ⑧ EAST BLAIR 1
- ⑬ PARCEL 99
- ⑭ PARCEL 105
- ⑮ PARCEL 86



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