



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District



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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Coordinator

Public Notice Date: January 5, 2009
Expiration Date: February 4, 2009

Reference No.: NWS-2008-00997-SO
Name: Port of Grays Harbor

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 United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

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.

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Olympia, Washington 98501
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LOCATION: In Grays Harbor at Terminal 3, Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington.

WORK: Annual maintenance dredging of Terminal 3 berthing area over a 10 year period. The proposed work consists of dredging an area about 1,806 feet long and 232 feet wide adjacent to the existing terminal, dredged to a depth of -35 feet Mean Low Lower Water (MLLW) with a two foot over dredge. About 40,000 cubic yards of sediments will be removed by clamshell dredge per year and barged to Point Chehalis open water disposal site for each dredging event.

PURPOSE: To maintain access to berthing areas for deep draft requirements.

DREDGED DISPOSAL ANALYSIS

Dredged Material Testing: The proposed dredged material has been tested according to the Dredged Material Management Program's "Dredged Material Evaluation and Procedures Users Manual" dated July 2008. These evaluation procedures were compiled by the regulatory agencies, which have jurisdiction over dredged material disposal in open-water sites associated with Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay. Dredged material evaluations may include both chemical and biological testing. For this project, the regulatory agencies determined that the 40,000 cubic yards to be dredged initially were suitable for unconfined disposal at the open-water dispersive disposal site at Point Chehalis. The sediment testing data are available at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Dredge Material Management Office. Prior to each maintenance dredging cycle, the agencies will determine whether additional sediment testing is required. If additional testing is required, no disposal will take place at an open-water site until the material has been determined suitable for open-water disposal by the regulatory agencies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION –Copies of this public notice which has been mailed or otherwise physically distributed feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately communicates the scope of project impacts. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle District's web page at <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/> and scroll down the alphabetical listing of District elements, and click on "Regulatory" and then "Regulatory – Permits" for the Seattle District's Regulatory homepage. Select the prominently displayed "Public Notices" heading and a list of recently-issued public notices will appear, in chronological order of the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

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 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. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

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, 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.

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:

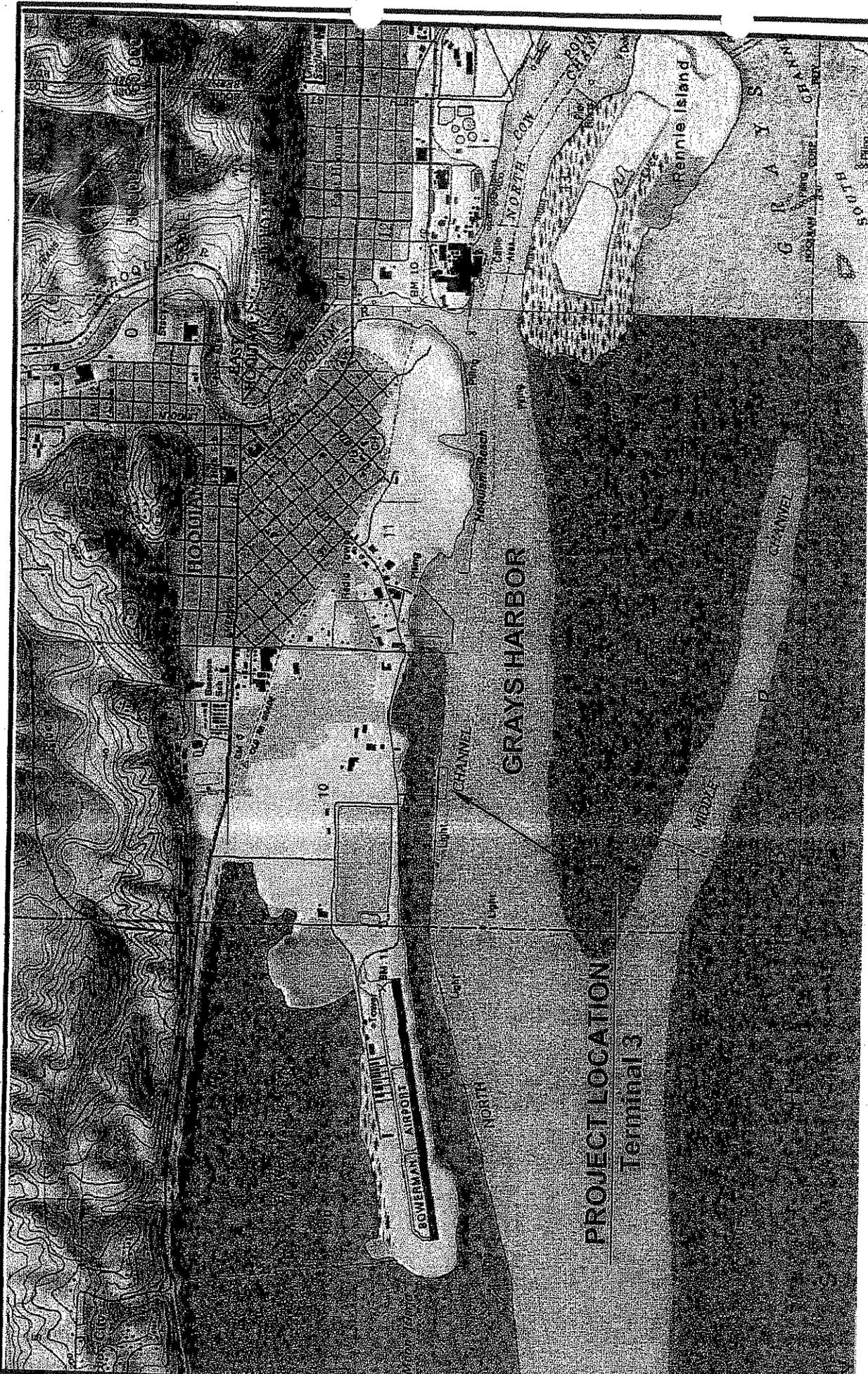
City of Hoquiam has issued an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

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 it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. 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 commentator'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 olivia.h.romano@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attn: Olivia Romano Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

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: Department of Ecology, Attn: SEA program – Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to 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 Grays Harbor; NWS-2008-00997-SO



Lat / Long:
46° 58' 13" / 123° 54' 39"

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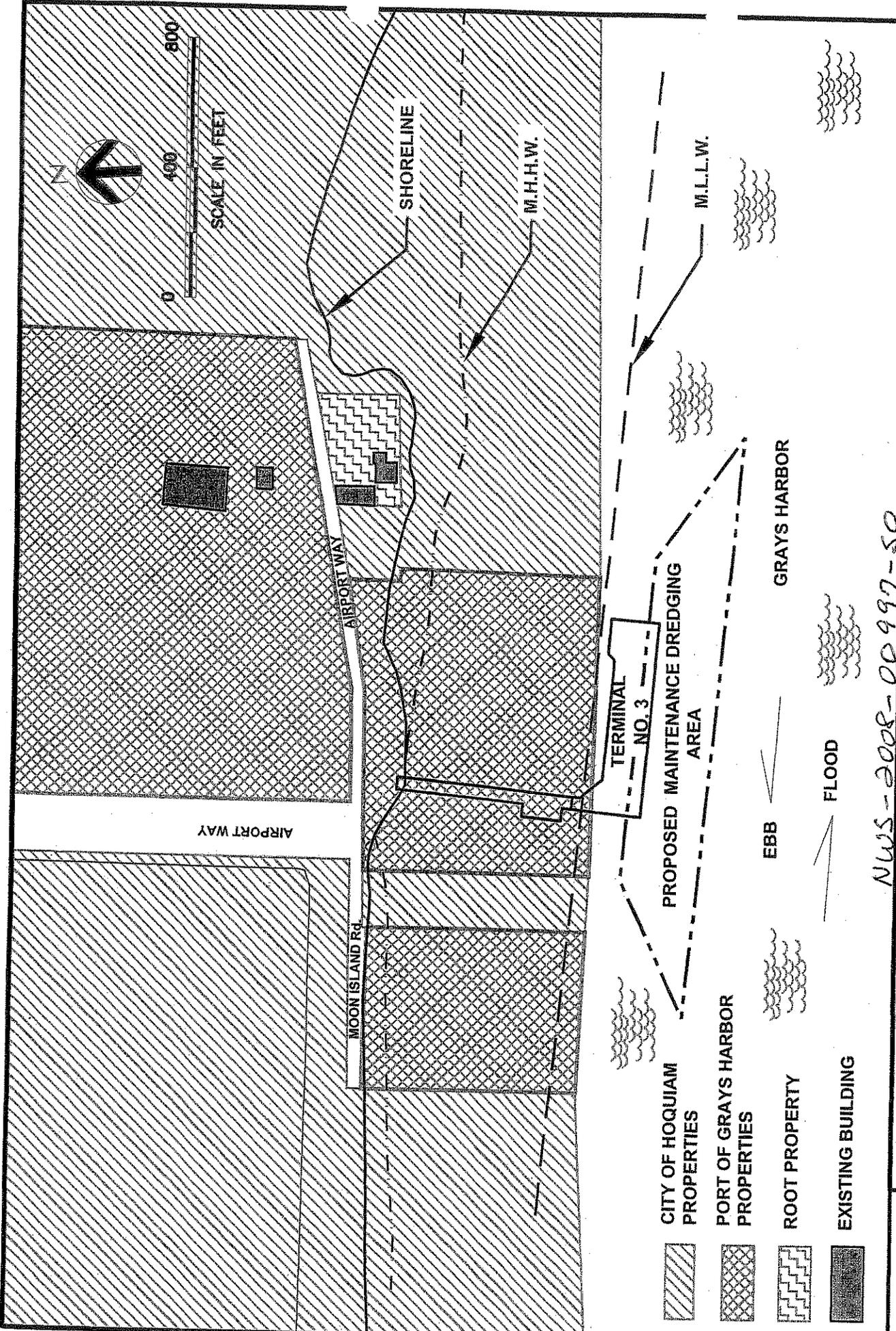
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**Port of Grays Harbor
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Dredging Port of Grays Harbor (Terminal 3)**

DATE
Sept. 2008
Revised Dec 08

FIGURE
EXHIBIT 1

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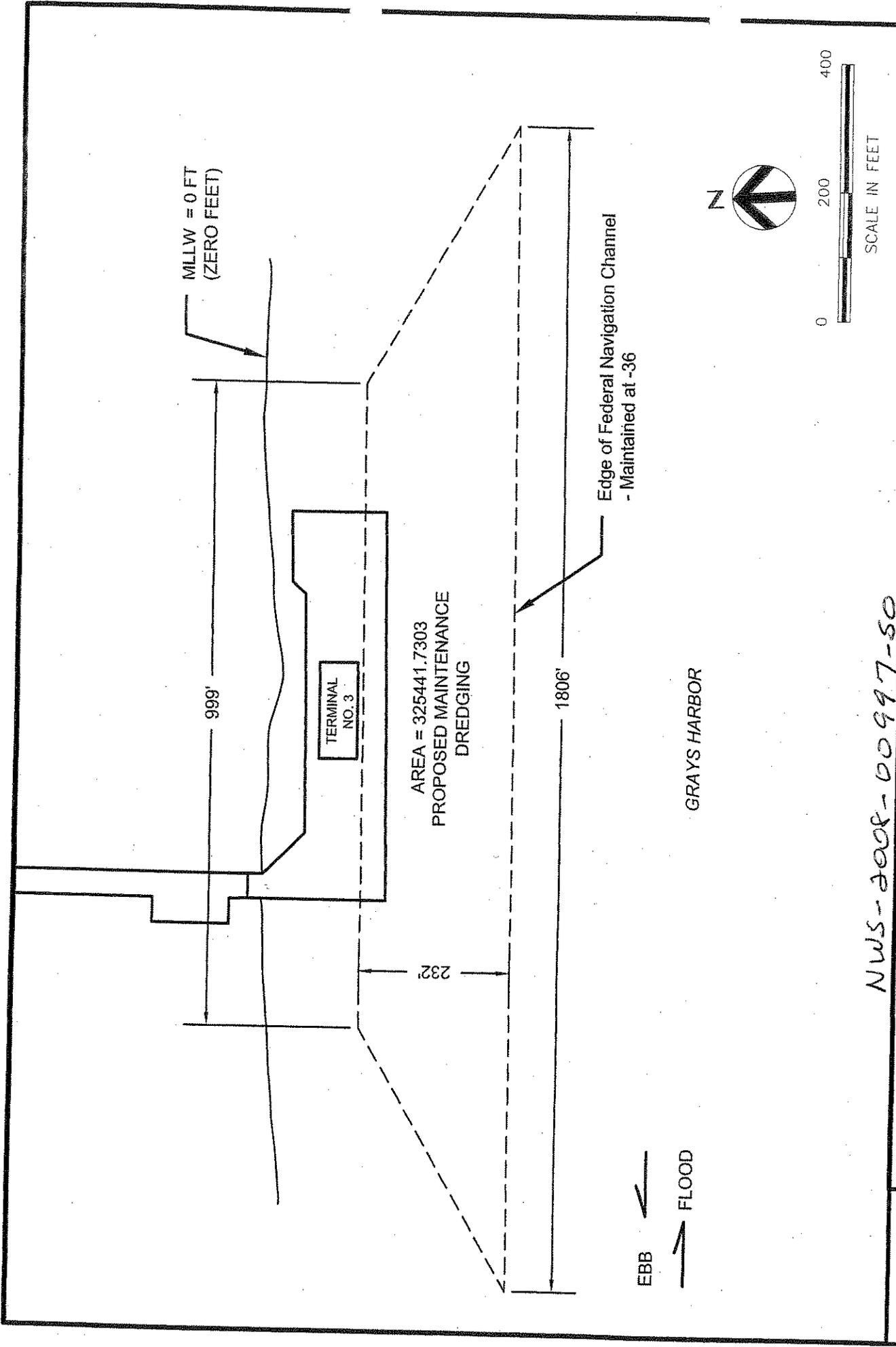


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**Port of Grays Harbor
 Annual Maintenance Dredging
 Plan of Terminal 3**

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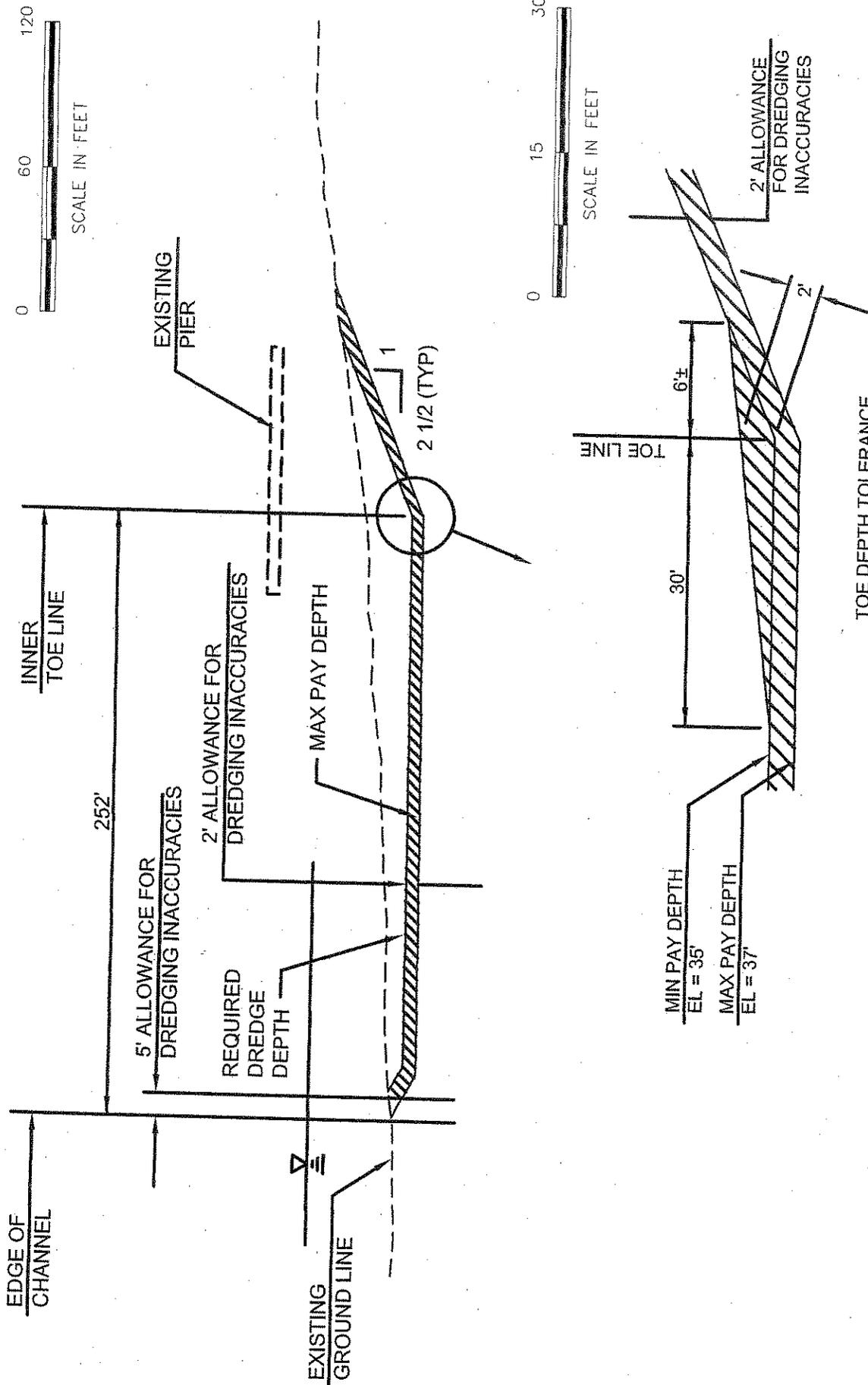


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Port of Grays Harbor
Plan View, Maintenance Dredging Area
Terminal 3

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 FIGURE
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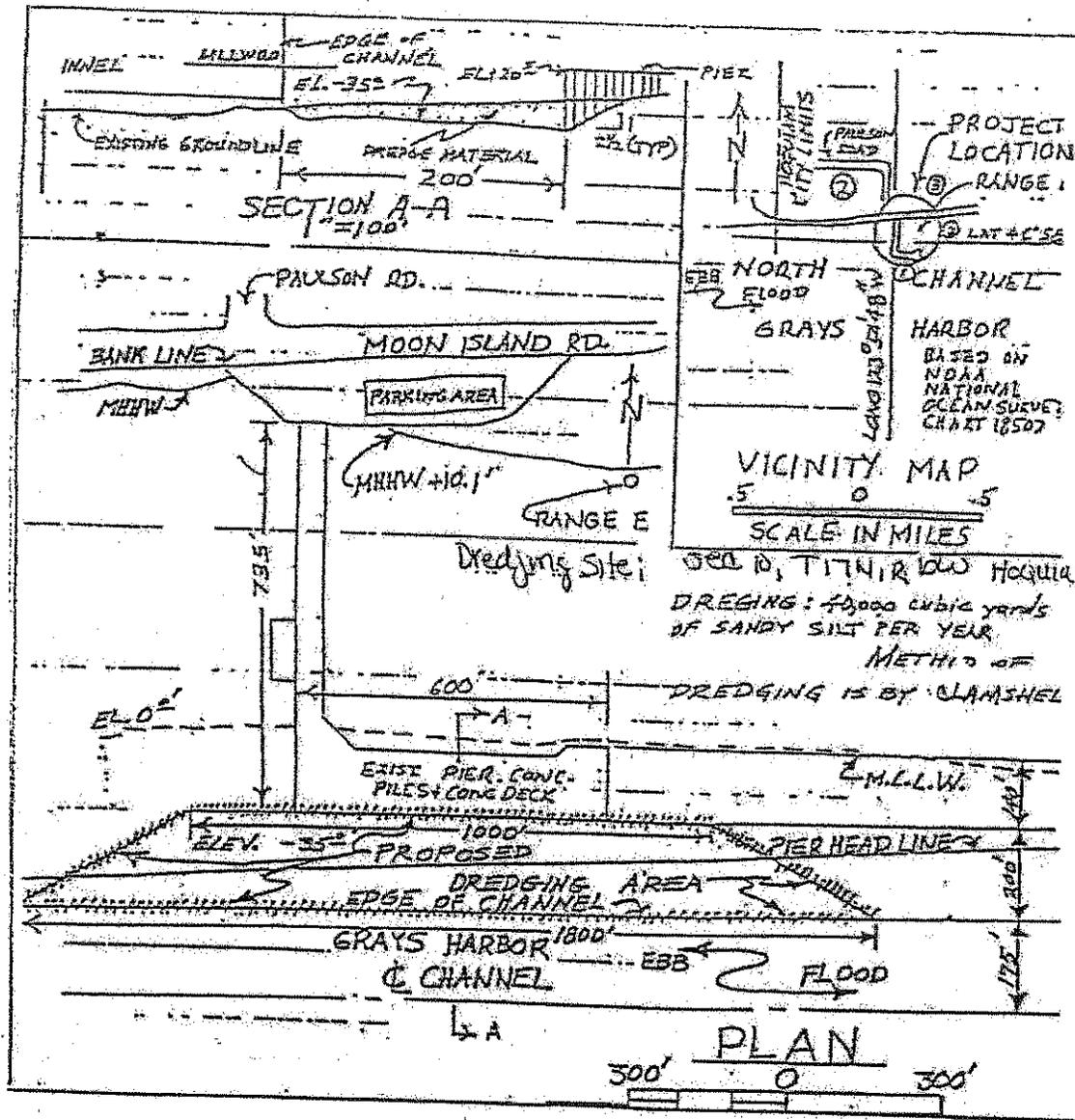


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FIGURE
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Port of Grays Harbor
Annual Maintenance Dredging
Section @ Terminal 3

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PURPOSE: Provide adequate water depth

DATUM N.D.S. MLLW = 0.0'

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

- ① State of Washington
- ② City of Hoquiam

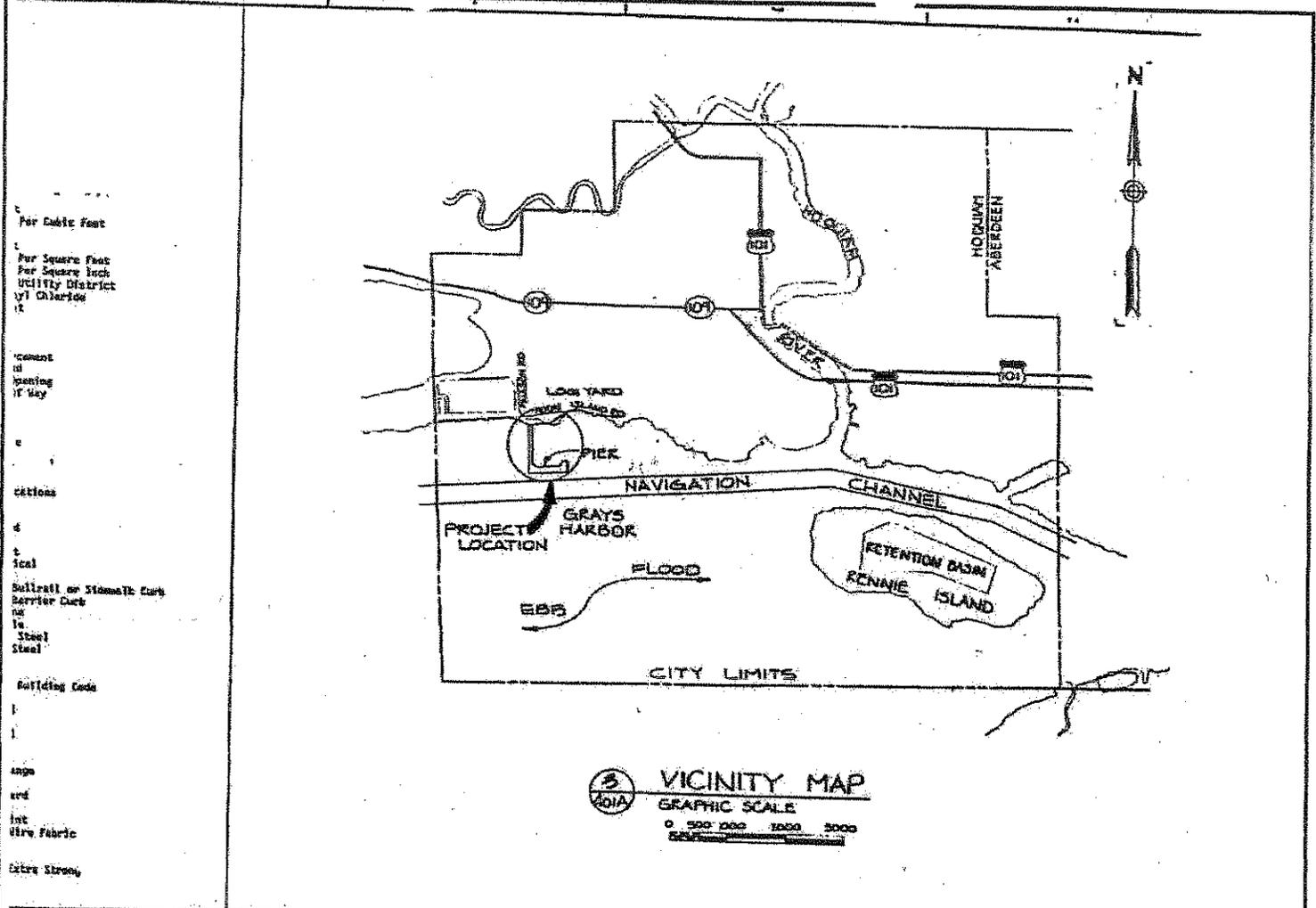
IN GRAYS HARBOR
 AT HOQUIAM
 COUNTY OF CLATSOP STATE OF WA

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Port of Grays Harbor
 Excerpt from Original 1980 Design Drawings (Not to Scale)
 Dredging Port of Grays Harbor (Terminal 3)

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 Revised Drawings
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 GRAPHIC SCALE
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Scale in Feet

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 Excerpt from Original 1980 Design Drawings (Not to Scale)
 Dredging Port of Grays Harbor (Terminal 3)

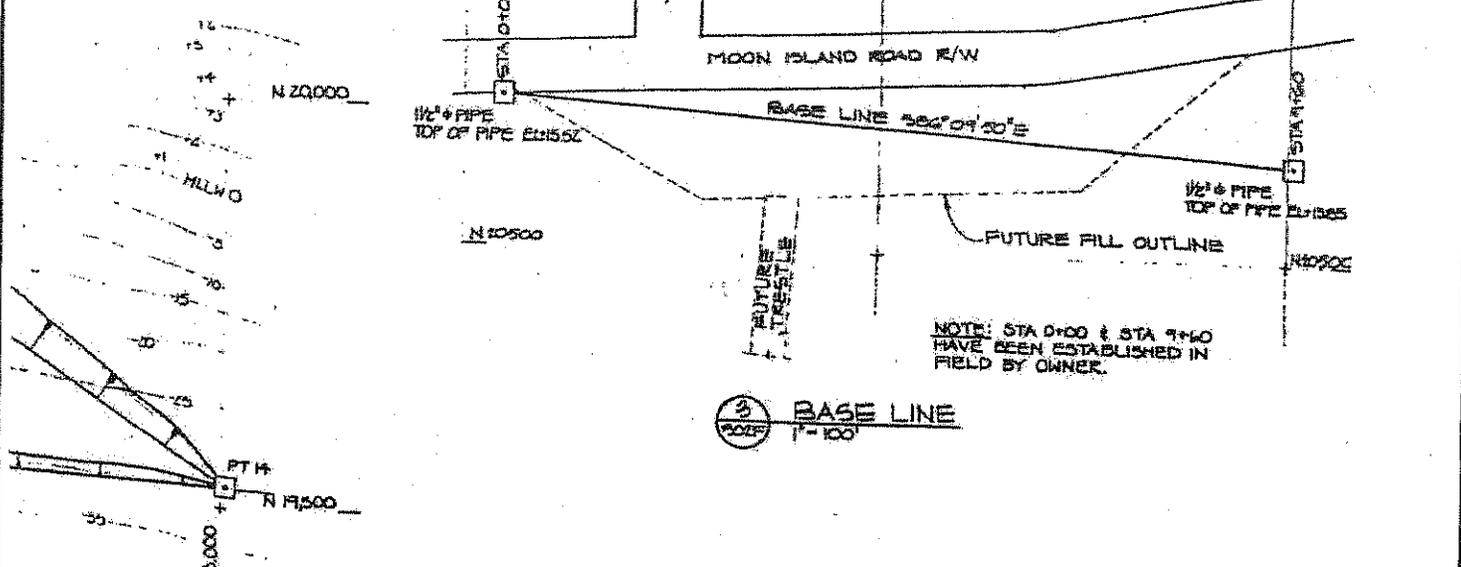
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COORDINATES

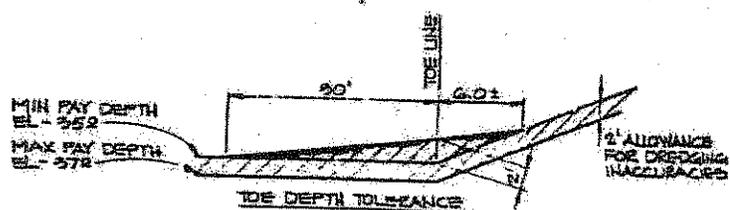
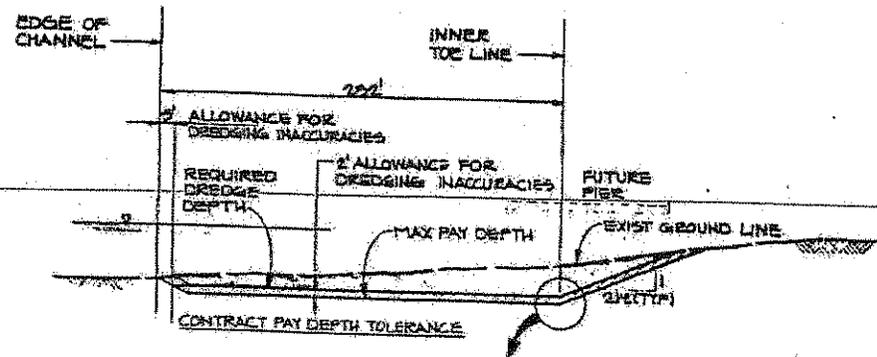
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CONTROL POINTS

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2	16622.00
3	17620.56
4	18005.97



3 BASE LINE
 1" = 100'



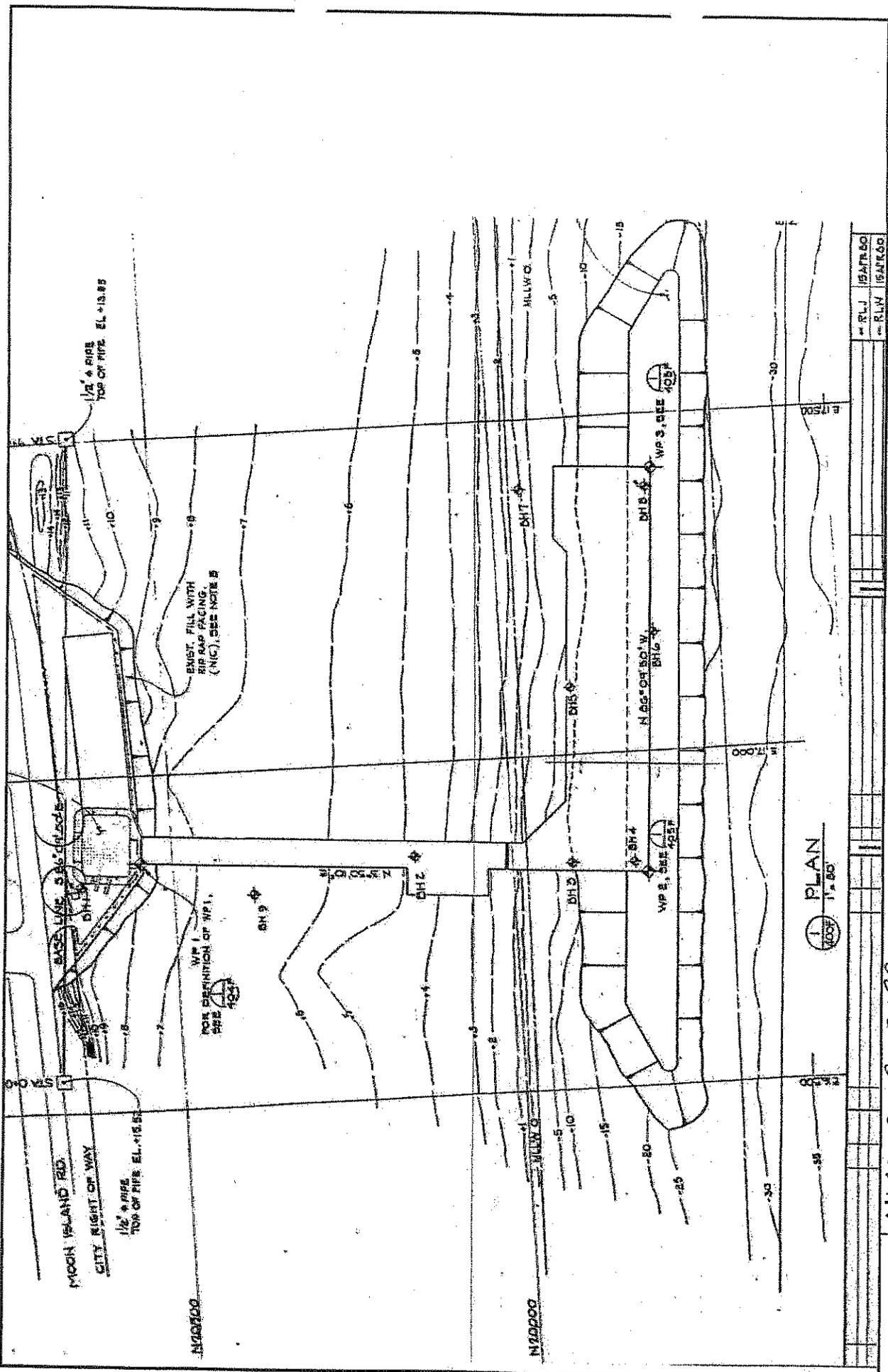
4 DREDGING TOLERANCE
 1" = 10'

NOTES:

- HORIZONTAL CONTROL GRID SYSTEM IS IN REFERENCE TO THE STATE TIDELANDS MERIDIAN.
- VERTICAL CONTROL IS IN REFERENCE TO MLW = 0.0' (NO. 1). SOUNDINGS AND ELEVATIONS ARE IN FEET ABOVE (+) OR BELOW (-) THE REFERENCE PLANE OF MLW.
- CONDITION SURVEYS AND EXPLORATION DATA ARE FROM:
 - A. ROGER LOWE ASSOCIATES, INC. FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT, PROJECT N 797, DATED 10 SEPT 77.
 - B. BERGLUND, LEHNS & SCHMIDT INC. TOPOGRAPHY MAP IN FRONT OF SECTION 10, TWP 17N, R3E W2, WASH. GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, JOB NO 77-82, DATED 6 JULY 76.
- ALL DREDGING SLOPES ARE 2% HORIZONTAL; VERTICAL.

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GRAYS HARBOR DOCK FACILITY			DREDGING - PLAN & SECTIONS	



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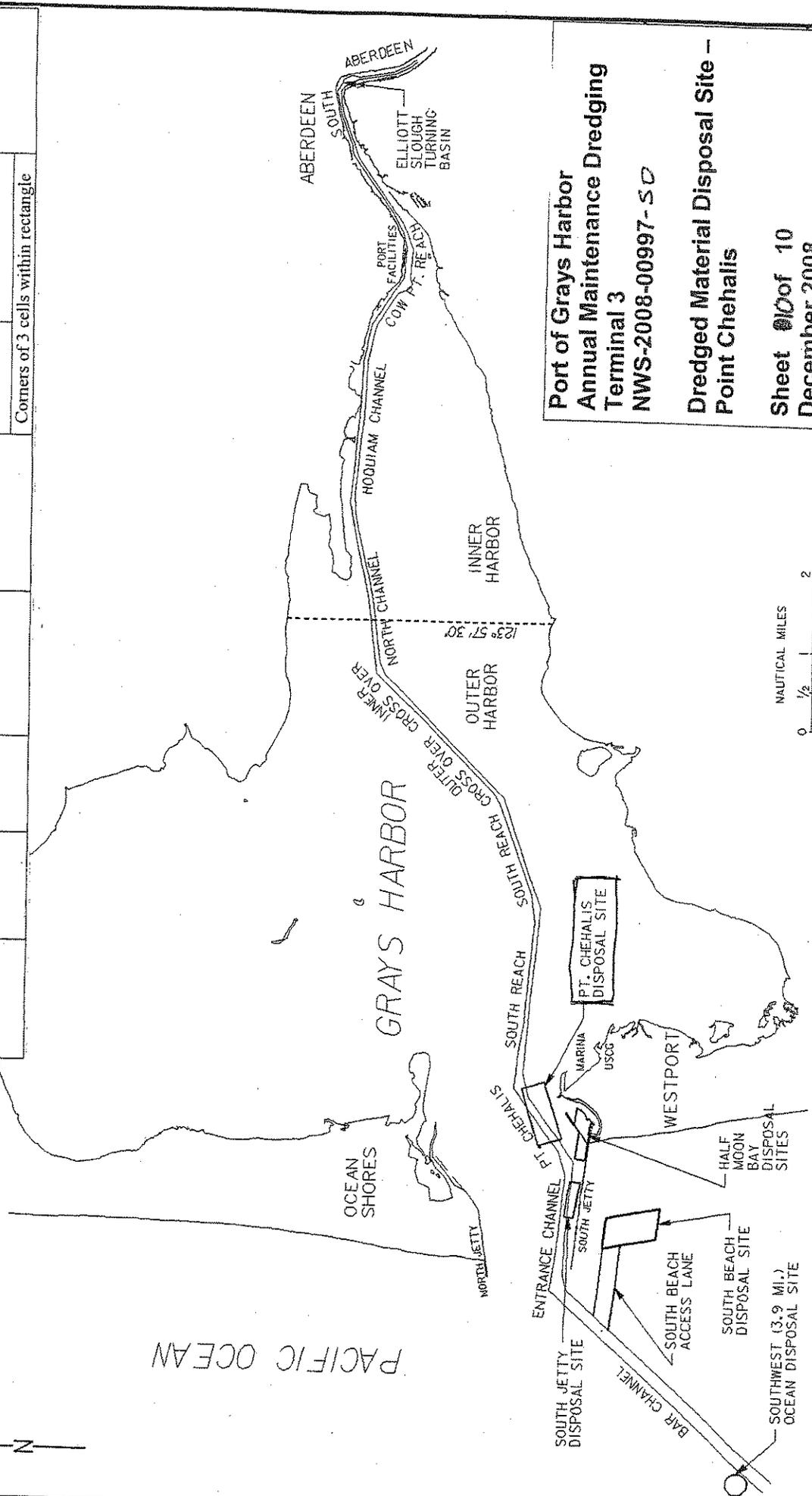
PLAN
 1" = 50'

DATE	BY	CHKD	APP'D
10/15/08	JLW	BAF	BAF
11/10/08	JLW	BAF	BAF
12/08/08	JLW	BAF	BAF

Point Chehalis Disposal Site - Grays Harbor Area

Disposal site	Area (acres)	Depth (ft)	Disposal Zone	Dimensions of site	Site Coordinates (NAD83) (Latitude/Longitude)	Positioning VTS/DGPS
Point Chehalis	229.6	> 50 ft	Within rectangle Portioned into 3 Cells (2,000 x 5,000 ft)	2,000 x 5,000 ft	46°55'00.51 124°08'06.94 46°55'04.49 124°07'50.66 46°55'10.46 124°07'26.23 46°55'17.09 124°06'59.10 46°54'41.91 124°07'57.26 46°54'45.90 124°07'40.98 46°54'51.87 124°07'16.55 46°54'58.50 124°06'49.42	DGPS

Corners of 3 cells within rectangle



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Annual Maintenance Dredging
Terminal 3
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**Dredged Material Disposal Site -
Point Chehalis**

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