

Maintenance dredging of Swinomish channel begins soon

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SEATTLE – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District announces that maintenance dredging in the Swinomish Channel should begin by week's end.

American Construction Co. of Tacoma, Wash. will be removing approximately 54, 000 cubic yards of material via clamshell dredging method from the Federal channel to ensure safe navigation. Federal maintenance in this area has not been done since 2003. The dredged material will be disposed in the Rosario Strait Disposal site.

One of the Seattle District's primary missions is to maintain the navigation channels and harbors in the Pacific Northwest. Maintenance and navigation dredging is done frequently in harbor areas, ports and marinas. A significant component of Washington's economy depends on navigation and commerce, which in turn depends on dredging the state's waterways, such as the Swinomish Channel.

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