Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP)



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Corps Study Process







Environmental and Cultural Resources Status

Scoping

- Public input on study area problems and issues for further consideration
- Data gathering
- Environmental coordination began

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Resources Analyzed for Impacts

 Navigation and Economic Conditions

- Hydraulics and Geomorphology
- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Sea Level Change
- Underwater Noise
- Hazardous, Toxic, and Radiological Waste
- Benthic Organisms
- Fish
- Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Cultural Resources
- Public Health and Safety

Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (FR/EA) released for public review & comment

Current Status

- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Section 106 consultation letter sent
- Tribal project notification letters sent
- SHPO concurrence on area of potential effect and finding of No Historic Properties Affected
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Planning Aid Letter received
- Submit Biological Assessment early 2020

Future Steps

- Review and incorporate comments received during public review into final FR/EA
- Final FR/EA released
- Seek a Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination concurrence from WA Department of Ecology
- Full sediment characterization with archaeological monitoring
- Complete Endangered Species Act consultation





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National Transportation Cost Savings Benefits



• Channel deepening allows larger vessels to load more cargo per trip, leading to fewer required trips to transport the same volume of cargo (*national transportation cost savings benefits*).



 The study recommends the plan which maximizes <u>net</u> transportation cost savings benefits (benefits minus channel deepening costs) = -57' MLLW.



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Dredged Material Evaluation and Results



SUITABILITY

- *Suitability* refers to whether dredged material is acceptable for placement at a specific location. The study is evaluating suitability for in-water, upland, and beneficial use disposal; Material unsuitable for in-water disposal will be disposed of in an appropriate upland facility
- Conducted feasibility-level sediment sampling (25 cores) and partial Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) testing (63 analyses) in Feb-June 2019
- The majority of sediment below -54 ft MLLW is clean native material
- Confirmed majority of material is suitable for in-water disposal and/or beneficial use at Saltchuk disposal site



• Full DMMP testing and suitability determination will be completed prior to dredging during Pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) phase

ESTIMATED DISPOSAL VOLUMES

National Economic Development (NED) Plan (-57 ft MLLW)

Total volume	2,803,000 CY
DMMP disposal site	Up to 2,412,000 CY
Upland facility	392,000 CY
Saltchuk disposal site	Up to 1,850,000 CY





Proposed Saltchuk Beneficial Use Scenarios & Cost Effectiveness

Analysis

		Incremental	Cost			Cost
		Cost over Base	(AAEQ Cost	Benefit	Average Cost	Effective? /
Scenario	Description	Plan (\$1000)	in \$1000)	(Net AAHU Gain)	(\$1000/AAHUs)	Best Buy?
Α	No Action	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	Yes / Yes
В	Bench 1	\$1,240	\$48	0.4	\$120	Yes / No
С	Benches 1 and 2	\$2,352	\$91	3.6	\$25	Yes / No
D	Benches 1, 2 and 3	\$2,839	\$110	4.9	\$22	Yes / Yes
E	All benches and islands	\$10,631	\$410	14.5	\$28	Yes / Yes



Proposed Scenarios









Evaluation of disposal at the Saltchuk site for beneficial use is ongoing. The Corps will complete evaluation to determine a recommended disposal plan during the feasibility study. The recommended plan will be included in the final Feasibility Report/Environmental Assessment.



CE/ICA = cost effectiveness and incremental cost analysis; AAEQ = average annual equivalent; AAHUs = average annual habitat units, also referred to as benefits or outputs

Final Array of Alternatives

 Alternative 1 – No Action (current depth: -51ft., MLLW)



 Alt. 2 – Blair Waterway Deepening (up to -58 ft., MLLW)



 Alt. 2a – Blair Waterway Deepening through Husky Terminal (-58 ft., MLLW)



 Alt. 2b – Blair Waterway (NED) Deepening (-57 ft., MLLW)



How to Submit Comments:

Verbal Comments

- Please sign-in to submit a verbal comment at this event
- Verbal comments are limited to 3 minutes per person
- Verbal comments will be recorded for the formal record and printed in the final report

Written Comments

- Written comments are also welcome today
 - Comment cards are in the back of the room
- Comments can also be submitted via email
 - TacomaHarbor@usace.army.mil
- Comments are also accepted through the mail:

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Comment Period: 18 December 2019 – 16 February 2020

