



**SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)  
PORT OF EVERETT**

**Mill A Interim Cleanup Action  
Port SEPA File No. 2015-04**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** This Interim Cleanup Action will be conducted under a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Agreed Order (Ref. No. DE 8979) with and under the supervision of the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the former Weyerhaeuser Mill A site. This Interim Cleanup Action will be conducted to both remove identified contaminated sediment and wood debris and increase navigational access to the Pacific Terminal. The Interim Cleanup Action will be subject to review and approval by Ecology to ensure compliance with MTCA requirements. Within the Interim Cleanup Action area, contaminated and clean sediment will be removed to a depth of -42 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) with a 1-foot over dredging allowance. The total area of the proposed dredge prism will be approximately 1.7 acres. The estimated dredge volume is 40,000 cubic yards.

A temporary transition slope will be constructed along the dredge area to meet the existing depths to the south. Contamination may be exposed by the dredging on the temporary transition slope. The project includes placement of cover materials over exposed contamination on the transition slope. Based on the sampling and analysis results, the Dredge Material Management Program (DMMP) and Ecology MTCA site managers will determine the appropriate management method for exposed contamination. The required exposed contamination management methods will be implemented as part of the Interim Cleanup Action. It is proposed that a temporary 3-foot thick rock cap will be placed on this slope.

Approximately 1,500 square feet of existing shoreline riprap between elevations of -2 feet and -43 feet MLLW along the shoreline slope will be removed to access the area to be dredged. This material will be replaced after dredge operations are completed. Additionally, approximately 4,200 square feet (SF) of new riprap will be placed along the slope directly south and adjacent to Pacific Terminal to ensure a stable slope from existing riprap to the new navigation dredge base. In total approximately 4,000 cubic yards (CY) of riprap will be placed over an area approximately 23,000 SF along the shoreline and temporary offshore transition slopes. Approximately 200 CY of fish mix gravel will be placed on top of areas of riprap to enhance habitat.

A Dredged Material Characterization Report will be prepared for DMMP and will be used by the regulatory agencies to determine the suitability of the dredged material for open water disposal, to serve as the basis for the permitted disposal options for the project, and to assist Ecology in determining specific MTCA cleanup considerations. Dredged material in the Interim Cleanup Action area that are shown to not contain contamination levels in excess of applicable criteria will be loaded onto barges and disposed of at the Port Gardner Open Water Disposal Site. Dredged materials in the Interim Cleanup Action area that do not meet the open water disposal criteria will be dredged separately and processed for transport to an offsite permitted landfill facility. The Interim Cleanup Action will be subject to review and approval by Ecology to ensure compliance with MTCA requirements.

Project site activities are anticipated to start mid-July 2016 and finish in January 2017.

**PROPONENT AND LEAD AGENCY:** Port of Everett

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** The property is located at 3500 Terminal Avenue, Everett, Washington, 98201, in Snohomish County. The Project is located in the NW quarter of Section 30 in Township 29 North, Range 5 East, and NE quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 5

East, Willamette Meridian. The Snohomish County Tax Parcel Numbers include 29053000201800, 29053000203400, and 29042500400200.

**DETERMINATION:** The Lead Agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination assumes compliance with federal and state law as well as City of Everett ordinances related to general environmental protection. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

Note: Issuance of this threshold determination does not constitute approval of permits. This proposal will be reviewed for compliance with all applicable federal, State and City of Everett codes.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and WAC 197-11-350.

**PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENT:** The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after the public comment period closes 14 calendar days from the published date below. Comments must be submitted in writing by 4:00 PM May 25, 2015 to the Responsible Official as named below. Comments will not be accepted by telephone or personal conversation. For general project related questions or additional information, please contact Graham Anderson, Director of Planning, at 425-388-0703 or email [grahama@portofeverett.com](mailto:grahama@portofeverett.com).

**MITIGATION MEASURES:**

1. Prior to start of work, all local, State and Federal permits and authorizations will be obtained and all conditions therein adhered to including in-water work timing restrictions.
2. Water Quality Monitoring will be implemented during construction as part of the MTCA cleanup program and applicable authority.
3. Port of Everett's Environmental Management System (EMS) Best Management Practices (BMPs) shall apply to the project's construction activities.
4. The Port will continue to coordinate with the Ecology MTCA Program to ensure appropriate project BMPs are being instituted to protect human health and the environment, considering this project is located within the study area of the former Mill A site.
5. BMPs for dredging and material handling activities will be implemented to avoid and minimize potential negative impacts to the environment.
6. A contractor-prepared Sediment Removal and Disposal Plan will be reviewed for approval by the Port.
7. Project activity will result in the permanent loss of approximately 700 square feet of shallow water habitat. This will be mitigated for through use of credits from the Port's Union Slough Restoration Site.
8. In the event noise concerns arise, the Port maintains a Noise Compliant Hotline (425-388-0269) that is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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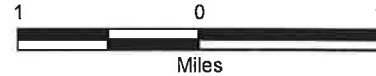
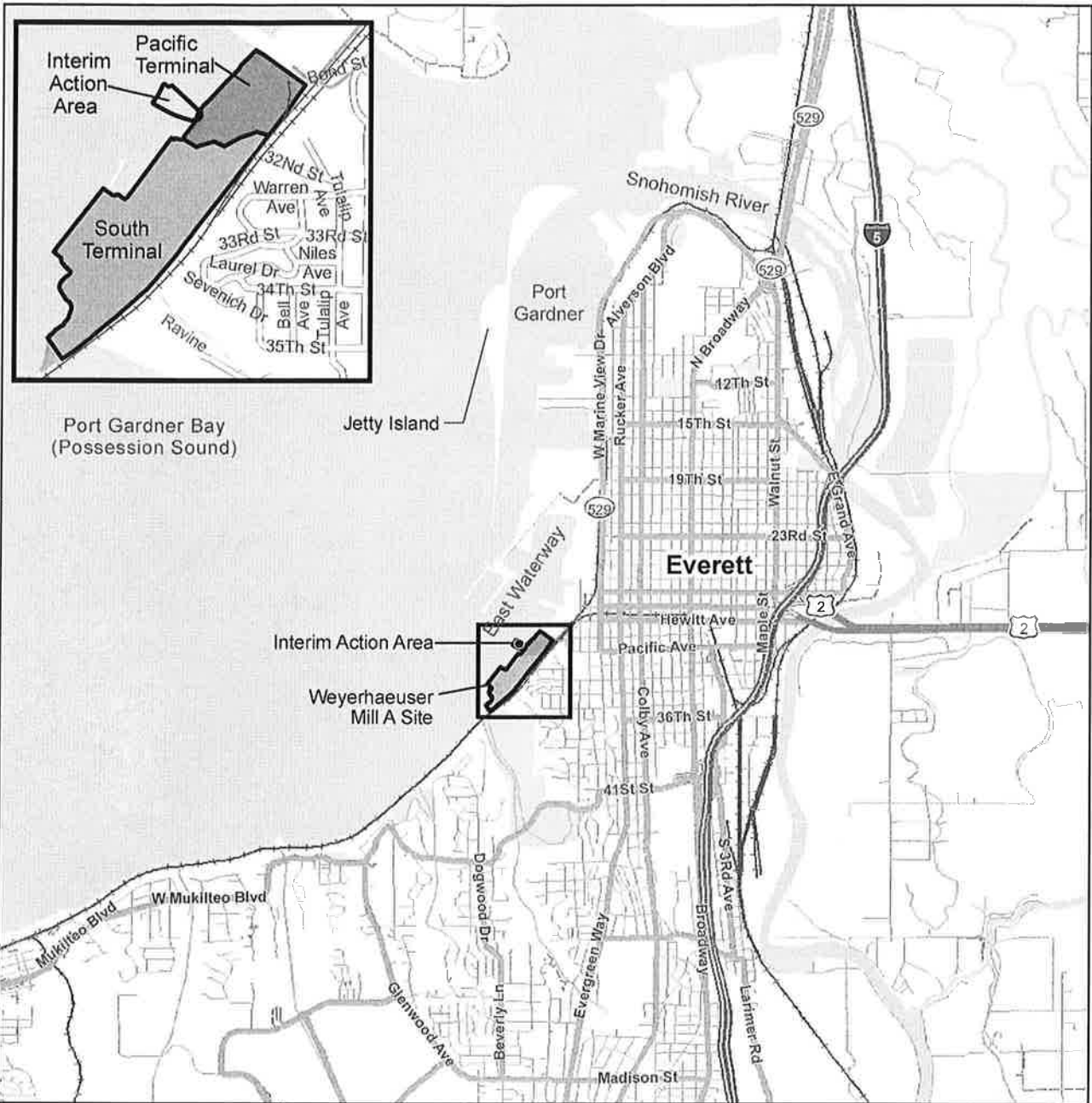
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**APPEALS:** There is no administrative appeal for this determination per Port of Everett Resolution 614. Procedures for appeal of this SEPA threshold determination are set forth in Chapter 43.21C RCW including, without limitation, RCW 43.21C.060, 43.21C.075, and RCW 43.21C.080 and Chapter 197-11 WAC including, without limitation, WAC 197-11-680.

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Weyerhaeuser Mill A Former Site Everett, Washington	
<b>GEOENGINEERS</b>	<b>Figure 1</b>