



December 15, 2021

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Re: Progress Report for Port of Olympia Budd Inlet Study Area Cleanup Evaluation  
Agreed Order No. DE 6083

Dear Sandy:

This progress report provides a summary of the work performed on the Port of Olympia (Port) Budd Inlet Study Area Cleanup Evaluation, as required in Agreed Order No. DE 6083. It describes the current status of the project, action taken during the previous reporting period, and work for the next reporting period. Additional progress reports will be submitted monthly, consistent with the requirements of the Agreed Order.

## **1. SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED IN NOVEMBER 2021**

Work in November included:

- Project planning and communication with Ecology regarding next steps and goals for additional work on the project.
- The Port of Olympia contracted with an environmental professional to assist with identifying a path forward related to Federal navigational dredge issues within the Project site boundary.

## **2. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS, DELAYS, AND DEVIATIONS FROM SCOPE OF WORK, SCHEDULE OR DELIVERABLES**

On November 3, 2020, the Port received comments on the revised cleanup levels, cleanup footprints, and cleanup alternatives that was submitted to Ecology as an interim submittal of the Identification and Evaluation of Interim Action Alternatives Memorandum. The Port met with Ecology on November 10, 2020 to discuss the comments. Per the revised schedule, the draft Identification and Evaluation of Interim Action Alternatives Memorandum is due 60 days after meeting with Ecology to discuss the comments, which was January 10, 2021.

As discussed previously with Ecology, the Port has requested additional time to address the comments. In a letter to Ecology dated December 15, 2020, the Port proposed Submittal 1, including revised figures and a proposed meeting series to develop a South Sound regional



background concentration for cadmium. The Port submitted these materials on January 8, 2021 and met with Ecology on January 14, 2021 to discuss Submittal 1.

The Port submitted a schedule extension request to complete the Alternatives Memorandum to Ecology on February 3, 2021, which included a plan to conduct supplemental surface sediment sampling and to collaborate with Ecology to develop a South Sound cadmium regional background concentration. The Port participated in regional background meeting #1 with Ecology on February 4, 2021.

Following a meeting with Ecology on March 18, 2021, the Port prepared a draft memorandum for Ecology review, which was discussed with the Corps during the April 12, 2021 meeting to describe the process for refining the remedial action boundary. A follow-up meeting with Ecology and the Corps was conducted on May 10, 2021.

The Port met with Ecology July 29, 2021 to discuss next steps for the project. It was generally anticipated the Port would identify the goals associated with additional investigations, after which Ecology would identify additional sampling needed to revise the Alternatives Memorandum. Port staff had an additional conversation with Ecology staff on October 1, 2021 regarding a strategy to achieve mutual goals.

Ecology sent a letter on October 26, 2021 requesting an updated schedule extension request from the Port, given that our original schedule extension request conveyed to Ecology in February 3, 2021 is currently out of date. Following telephone conversations between Port and Ecology staff in October and early November, the Port sent an email on November 8, 2021 requesting additional time to provide an updated schedule extension, with a proposed deadline of Friday, December 17, 2021, which was granted by Ecology via an email on November 10, 2021.

### **3. WORK ANTICIPATED IN DECEMBER 2021**

Work in December is anticipated to include:

- Communication and coordination with Ecology to finalize future work scope and timeline for the project.

Please contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in this progress report.

Sincerely,

*\s\ Lisa Parks*

Lisa Parks, Interim Administrative Services Director / CIPE Director