## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

In the Matter of Remedial Action by:

AGREED ORDER

Port of Bellingham

No. DE 22060

TO: The Port of Bellingham 1801 Roeder Avenue Bellingham, Washington 98225

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The mutual objective of the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Port of Bellingham (Port) under this Agreed Order (Order) is to provide for remedial action at a facility where there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances. This Order requires the Port to prepare and submit for Ecology review and approval all documents necessary to complete the design of the cleanup action for the Upland Cleanup Unit and Sediment Cleanup Unit, as described in the Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) (Exhibit B). Ecology believes the actions required by this Order are in the public interest.

#### II. JURISDICTION

This Order is issued pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), RCW 70A.305.050(1).

### III. PARTIES BOUND

This Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties to this Order, their successors and assigns. The undersigned representative of each Party hereby certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into this Order and to execute and legally bind such Party to comply with this Order. The Port agrees to undertake all actions required by the terms and conditions of this Order. No change in ownership or corporate status shall alter the Port's responsibility under this Order. The Port shall provide a copy of this Order to all agents, contractors, and subcontractors retained to perform work required by this Order, and shall ensure that all work undertaken by such agents, contractors, and subcontractors complies with this Order.

#### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise specified herein, the definitions set forth in RCW 70A.305, WAC 173-204, and WAC 173-340 shall control the meanings of the terms in this Order.

A. <u>Site</u>: The Site is referred to as the Westman Marine, Inc., cleanup site ID 2205. The Site constitutes a facility under RCW 70A.305.020(8). The Site is defined by where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located. Based upon factors currently known to Ecology,

the Site is generally located in the vicinity of 218 McMillan Avenue, Blaine, Washington, in the southern portion of the Blaine Harbor industrial area as shown in the Location Diagram (Exhibit A).

B. <u>Sediment Cleanup Unit</u>: Refers to the portion of the Site identified in the Site Diagram as the "Sediment Cleanup Unit."

C. <u>Upland Cleanup Unit</u>: Refers to the portion of the Site identified in the Site diagram as the "Upland Cleanup Unit."

D. <u>Parties</u>: Refers to the State of Washington, Department of Ecology and the Port.

E. <u>Potentially Liable Person (PLP)</u>: Refers to the Port.

F. <u>Agreed Order or Order</u>: Refers to this Order and each of the exhibits to this Order. All exhibits are integral and enforceable parts of this Order.

G. <u>2013 Agreed Order</u>: Refers to Agreed Order No. DE 9001, entered in 2013 by Ecology and the Port for the purpose of conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) and preparing a DCAP for the Site.

## V. FINDINGS OF FACT

Ecology makes the following findings of fact, without any express or implied admissions of such facts by the Port:

A. Based upon factors currently known to Ecology, the Site is generally located at 218 McMillan Avenue, Blaine, Washington in the southeastern portion of the Blaine Harbor industrial area, as shown in the Site Location Diagram (Exhibit A).

B. The upland portion of the Site was created in the late 1930's when aquatic lands were dredged to create a boat harbor and small boat marina. The dredged material was used to create an upland industrial area armored with timber bulkheads, although in some areas riprap was used instead of, or in conjunction with, the bulkheads. The marina was expanded several times since its original construction, but the footprint of the upland industrial area has remained largely unchanged. The Site has been used for commercial marine operations since 1949. Between 1961 and 1969, a dock was constructed and the

area where the travel lift later existed was dredged. A marine railway was constructed at the Site between 1957 and 1961 to allow the upland maintenance and repair of larger vessels at the Site. A former tide grid was constructed between 1963 and 1965 and used for hull scraping and boat maintenance activities. The grid design allowed small boats to float onto the grid at high tide and at low tide the boats rested on the grid allowing short term boat maintenance to be performed.

C. The Port is the owner of the fee-owned land inboard (east) of the stateestablished Inner Harbor Line. Filled aquatic land within the state harbor area and the aquatic land are state-owned aquatic land, managed by the Port under a 1997 Port Management Agreement.

D. The Site has been used for boatyard/shipyard activities since approximately 1949, originally by Berg Shipbuilding Company and Andrew Berg. The Site has been leased by several tenants since that time, including Westman Industrial Company from 1976 through 1989 and Westman Marine, Inc. from 1989 to 2011.

E. In 2013, Ecology and the Port entered into the 2013 Agreed Order. The 2013 Agreed Order required that the Port: prepare a draft Remedial Investigation work plan; submit a Remedial Investigation data summary technical memorandum; prepare draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study reports; and prepare a draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP). The 2013 Agreed Order allowed for possible interim actions at the Site proposed by the Port.

F. In 2014, an Interim Action was completed concurrently with redevelopment activities in the Boundary Fish construction area, in accordance with an Ecology-approved Interim Action Work Plan. Its primary purpose was to remove soil impacted with heavy metals, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), and diesel-range petroleum hydrocarbons that were encountered at concentrations greater than Site soil screening levels. Interim Action construction was completed between October 2013 and March 2014. Approximately 420 tons of soil was excavated, stockpiled, and transported

to the Roosevelt Regional Landfill. Compliance monitoring indicated that a small amount of cPAH-contaminated soil, and possibly metals-contaminated soil, was left in place in the southeast corner of the Boundary Fish building footprint.

G. As part of that Interim Action in 2014, based on the initial sampling results, approximately 200 cubic yards of shallow soil was excavated from within the building footprint to a depth of approximately 1 to 2 feet below ground surface (bgs). During this excavation, concrete footings from an abandoned portion of the boatyard sidetracks and an approximately 12 ft by 5 ft bottomless concrete vault were exposed. Petroleum-like odor and slight sheen were observed during excavation of the surface of soil inside of the structure, prompting the removal of soil at this location to a depth of 8 feet bgs. Based on a comparison of the analytical results to the preliminary screening levels, the Port conducted additional subsurface investigation near the concrete vault. Data indicated that diesel contamination was limited to the immediate vicinity of the former vault. Approximately 15 additional cubic yards of soil were excavated from at and around the vault location to an approximate depth of 10 feet bgs. Additionally, approximately 15 cubic yards of soil was excavated to a depth of approximately 2.5 feet bgs near the abandoned portion of the boatyard sidetracks to remove cPAH and metals contamination. After these soil removals, there was no field indication of contamination remaining at the concrete vault or near the sidetrack foundations.

H. In August 2020, a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report (the RI/FS Report) for the Site, prepared by Landau Associates (Landau), was finalized by Ecology after public notice and opportunity to comment.

I. The RI/FS's findings identify the following constituents of concern (COCs) for soil, and sediment at the Site:

• Soil: arsenic, copper, and mercury; pentachlorophenol and cPAHs; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); total petroleum hydrocarbons in the gasoline-, diesel- , and oil-range; and tributyltin (TBT)

• Sediment: arsenic, copper, mercury, zinc, TBT, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, phenol, 2-methylnaphthalene, high molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), PCBs, lead, and cPAHs.

### VI. ECOLOGY DETERMINATIONS

Ecology makes the following determinations, without any express or implied admissions of such determinations (and underlying facts) by the Port.

A. The Port is an "owner or operator" as defined in RCW 70A.305.020(22) of a "facility" as defined in RCW 70A.305.020(8).

B. Based upon all factors known to Ecology, a "release" or "threatened release" of "hazardous substance(s)" as defined in RCW 70A.305.020(32), (13), respectively, has occurred at the Site.

C. Based upon credible evidence, Ecology issued a PLP status letter to the Port dated December 27, 2011, pursuant to RCW 70A.305.040, .020(26), and WAC 173-340-500. By letter dated January 3, 2012, the Port voluntarily waived its right to notice and comment and accepted Ecology's determination that the Port is a PLP under RCW 70A.305.040.

D. Pursuant to RCW 70A.305.030(1), .050(1), Ecology may require PLPs to investigate or conduct other remedial actions with respect to any release or threatened release of hazardous substances, whenever it believes such action to be in the public interest. Based on the foregoing facts, Ecology believes the remedial actions required by this Order are in the public interest.

### VII. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

Based on the Findings of Fact and Ecology Determinations, it is hereby ordered that the Port take the following remedial actions at the Site. These remedial actions must be conducted in accordance with WAC 173-340 and 173-204:

A. The Port shall prepare and submit for Ecology review and approval all documents necessary to complete the engineering and design of the cleanup action for the Upland Cleanup Unit and Sediment Cleanup Unit, as described in the CAP (Exhibit B) in accordance with the

schedule and terms of the Scope of Work and Schedule (Exhibit C), and all other requirements of this Order. The work to be performed includes the following:

- Preparation of draft Pre-Remedial Design Investigation (PRDI) Project Plans for Ecology review, followed by preparation of final documents addressing Ecology's review comments. The Project Plans include a Work Plan, Sampling and Analysis Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan, a Health and Safety Plan, and an Inadvertent Discovery Plan. The PRDI Work Plan shall include a data gaps analysis and a summary description of work to fulfill identified data gaps.
- 2. Completion of the work described in the PRDI Project Plans.
- 3. Preparation of a draft Engineering Design Report (EDR) for Ecology review, followed by preparation of a draft final and final document addressing Ecology's review comments. The EDR shall incorporate the PRDI findings and the results of engineering evaluations required to complete the design. The EDR shall also include a Construction Quality Assurance Plan, Compliance Monitoring and Contingency Response Plan, and a Water Quality Monitoring Plan.
- 4. Preparation of 90% complete Construction Plans and Specifications (Plans and Specs) for Ecology's review, followed by preparation of 100% complete documents addressing Ecology's review comments and the requirements imposed by permitting agencies. The Plans and Specs shall be based on the EDR.

B. If the Port learns of a significant change in conditions at the Site, including but not limited to a statistically significant increase in contaminant and/or chemical concentrations in any media, the Port, within seven (7) days of learning of the change in condition, shall notify Ecology in writing of said change and provide Ecology with any reports or records (including laboratory analyses, sampling results) relating to the change in conditions.

C. The Port shall submit to Ecology written quarterly Progress Reports that describe the actions taken during the previous quarter to implement the requirements of this Order. All Progress Reports shall be submitted by the tenth (10th) day of the month in which they are due Agreed Order No. DE 22060 Page 8 of 23

after the effective date of this Order. Unless otherwise specified by Ecology, Progress Reports and any other documents submitted pursuant to this Order shall be sent via email to Ecology's project coordinator. The Progress Reports shall include the following:

- 1. A list of on-site activities that have taken place during the quarter.
- 2. Detailed description of any deviations from required tasks not otherwise documented in project plans or amendment requests.
- 3. Description of all deviations from the Scope of Work and Schedule (Exhibit C) during the current quarter and any planned deviations in the upcoming quarter.
- 4. For any deviations in schedule, a plan for recovering lost time and maintaining compliance with the schedule.
- 5. All raw data (including laboratory analyses) received during the previous quarter (if not previously submitted to Ecology), together with a detailed description of the underlying samples collected.
- 6. A list of deliverables for the upcoming quarter.

D. All plans or other deliverables submitted by the Port for Ecology's review and approval under the Scope of Work and Schedule (Exhibit C) shall, upon Ecology's approval, become integral and enforceable parts of this Order. The Port shall take any action required by such deliverable.

E. If Ecology determines that the Port has failed to make sufficient progress or failed to implement the remedial action, in whole or in part, Ecology may, after notice to the Port, perform any or all portions of the remedial action or at Ecology's discretion allow the Port opportunity to correct. In an emergency, Ecology is not required to provide notice to the Port, or an opportunity for dispute resolution. The Port shall reimburse Ecology for the costs of doing such work in accordance with Section VIII.A (Payment of Remedial Action Costs). Ecology reserves the right to enforce requirements of this Order under Section X (Enforcement).

F. Except where necessary to abate an emergency situation or where required by law, the Port shall not perform any remedial actions at the Site outside those remedial actions required

by this Order to address the contamination that is the subject of this Order, unless Ecology concurs, in writing, with such additional remedial actions pursuant to Section VIII.J. (Amendment of Order). In the event of an emergency, or where actions are taken as required by law, the Port must notify Ecology in writing of the event and remedial action(s) planned or taken as soon as practical but no later than within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery of the event.

## VIII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### A. Payment of Remedial Action Costs

The Port shall pay to Ecology costs incurred by Ecology pursuant to this Order and consistent with WAC 173-340-550(2). These costs shall include work performed by Ecology or its contractors for, or on, the Site under RCW 70A.305, including remedial actions and Order preparation, negotiation, oversight, and administration. These costs shall include work performed both prior to and subsequent to the issuance of this Order. Ecology's costs shall include costs of direct activities and support costs of direct activities as defined in WAC 173-340-550(2). For all Ecology costs incurred, the Port shall pay the required amount within thirty (30) days of receiving from Ecology an itemized statement of costs that includes a summary of costs incurred, an identification of involved staff, and the amount of time spent by involved staff members on the project. A general statement of work performed will be provided upon request. Itemized statements shall be prepared quarterly. Pursuant to WAC 173-340-550(4), failure to pay Ecology's costs within ninety (90) days of receipt of the itemized statement of costs will result in interest charges at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, compounded monthly.

In addition to other available relief, pursuant to RCW 19.16.500, Ecology may utilize a collection agency and/or, pursuant to RCW 70A.305.060, file a lien against real property subject to the remedial actions to recover unreimbursed remedial action costs.

### **B.** Designated Project Coordinators

The project coordinator for Ecology is:

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> Shoreline, WA 98133 (206) 594-0094 Brett.Carp@ecy.wa.gov

The project coordinator for the Port is:

Ben Howard Port of Bellingham 1801 Roeder Avenue Bellingham, Washington 98225 (360) 676-2500 benh@portofbellingham.com

Each project coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Order. Ecology's project coordinator will be Ecology's designated representative for the Site. To the maximum extent possible, communications between Ecology and the Port, and all documents, including reports, approvals, and other correspondence concerning the activities performed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Order shall be directed through the project coordinators. The project coordinators may designate, in writing, working level staff contacts for all or portions of the implementation of the work to be performed required by this Order.

Any Party may change its respective project coordinator. Written notification shall be given to the other Party at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the change.

#### C. Performance

All geologic and hydrogeologic work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the supervision and direction of a geologist or hydrogeologist licensed by the State of Washington or under the direct supervision of an engineer registered by the State of Washington, except as otherwise provided for by RCW 18.43 and 18.220.

All engineering work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the direct supervision of a professional engineer registered by the State of Washington, except as otherwise provided for by RCW 18.43.130.

All construction work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the direct supervision of a professional engineer or a qualified technician under the direct supervision of a professional engineer. The professional engineer must be registered by the State of Washington, except as otherwise provided for by RCW 18.43.130.

Any documents submitted containing geologic, hydrogeologic, or engineering work shall be under the seal of an appropriately licensed professional as required by RCW 18.43 and 18.220.

The Port shall notify Ecology in writing of the identity of any engineer(s) and geologist(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and other key personnel to be used in carrying out the terms of this Order, in advance of their involvement at the Site.

## D. Access

Ecology or any Ecology authorized representative shall have access to enter and freely move about all property at the Site that the Port either owns, controls, or has access rights to at all reasonable times for the purposes of, *inter alia*: inspecting records, operation logs, and contracts related to the work being performed pursuant to this Order; reviewing the Port's progress in carrying out the terms of this Order; conducting such tests or collecting such samples as Ecology may deem necessary; using a camera, sound recording, or other documentary type equipment to record work done pursuant to this Order; and verifying the data submitted to Ecology by the Port. Ecology or any Ecology authorized representative shall give reasonable notice before entering any Site property owned or controlled by the Port unless an emergency prevents such notice. All persons who access the Site pursuant to this section shall comply with any applicable health and safety plan(s). Ecology employees and their representatives shall not be required to sign any liability release or waiver as a condition of Site property access.

The Port shall make best efforts to secure access rights for those properties within the Site not owned or controlled by the Port where remedial activities or investigations will be performed pursuant to this Order. As used in this Section, "best efforts" means the efforts that a reasonable person in the position of the Port would use so as to achieve the goal in a timely manner, including the cost of employing professional assistance and the payment of reasonable sums of money to secure access and/or use restriction agreements, as required by this Section. If, within one hundred eighty days (180) days after the effective date of this Order, the Port is unable to accomplish what is required through "best efforts," they shall notify Ecology, and include a description of the steps taken to comply with the requirements. If Ecology deems it appropriate, it may assist the Port, or

take independent action, in obtaining such access and/or use restrictions. Ecology reserves the right to seek payment from the Port for all costs, including cost of attorneys' time, incurred by Ecology in obtaining such access or agreements to restrict land, water, or other resource use.

#### E. Sampling, Data Submittal, and Availability

With respect to the implementation of this Order, the Port shall make the results of all sampling, laboratory reports, and/or test results generated by it or on its behalf available to Ecology. Pursuant to WAC 173-340-840(5), all sampling data shall be submitted to Ecology in both printed and electronic formats in accordance with Section VII (Work to be Performed), Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program Policy 840 (Data Submittal Requirements), and/or any subsequent procedures specified by Ecology for data submittal.

If requested by Ecology, the Port shall allow Ecology and/or its authorized representative to take split or duplicate samples of any samples collected by the Port pursuant to implementation of this Order. The Port shall notify Ecology seven (7) days in advance of any sample collection or work activity at the Site. Ecology shall, upon request, allow the Port and/or its authorized representative to take split or duplicate samples of any samples collected by Ecology pursuant to the implementation of this Order, provided that doing so does not interfere with Ecology's sampling. Without limitation on Ecology's rights under Section VIII.D (Access), Ecology shall notify the Port prior to any sample collection activity unless an emergency prevents such notice.

In accordance with WAC 173-340-830(2)(a), all hazardous substance analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited under WAC 173-50 for the specific analyses to be conducted, unless otherwise approved by Ecology.

#### F. Public Participation

Ecology shall maintain the responsibility for public participation at the Site. However, the Port shall cooperate with Ecology, and shall:

1. If agreed to by Ecology, develop appropriate mailing lists and prepare drafts of public notices and fact sheets at important stages of the remedial action, such as the submission of work plans, cleanup action plans, and engineering design reports. As appropriate, Ecology will edit, finalize, and distribute such fact sheets and prepare and distribute public notices of Ecology's presentations and meetings.

2. Notify Ecology's project coordinator prior to the preparation of all press releases and fact sheets, and before meetings related to remedial action work to be performed at the Site with the interested public and/or local governments. Likewise, Ecology shall notify the Port prior to the issuance of all press releases and fact sheets related to the Site, and before meetings related to the Site with the interested public and local governments. For all press releases, fact sheets, meetings, and other outreach efforts by the Port that do not receive prior Ecology approval, the Port shall clearly indicate to its audience that the press release, fact sheet, meeting, or other outreach effort was not sponsored or endorsed by Ecology.

3. When requested by Ecology, participate in public presentations on the progress of the remedial action at the Site. Participation may be through attendance at public meetings to assist in answering questions or as a presenter.

4. When requested by Ecology, arrange and maintain a repository to be located at:

- a. Blaine Library 610 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Blaine, Washington 98230
- b. Washington State Department of Ecology Bellingham Field Office
   913 Squalicum Way, Unit 101 Bellingham, Washington 98225

At a minimum, copies of all public notices, fact sheets, and documents relating to public comment periods shall be promptly placed in these repositories. A copy of all documents related to this Site shall be maintained in the repository at Ecology's Bellingham Field Office in Bellingham, Washington.

### G. Access to Information

The Port shall provide to Ecology, upon request, copies of all records, reports, documents, and other information (including records, reports, documents, and other information in electronic form) (hereinafter referred to as "Records") within the Port's possession or control or that of their contractors or agents relating to activities at the Site or to the implementation of this Order, including, but not limited to, sampling, analysis, chain of custody records, manifests, trucking logs, receipts, reports, sample traffic routing, correspondence, or other documents or information regarding the work. The Port shall also make available to Ecology, for purposes of investigation, information gathering, or testimony, their employees, agents, or representatives with knowledge of relevant facts concerning the performance of the work.

Nothing in this Order is intended to waive any right the Port may have under applicable law to limit disclosure of Records protected by the attorney work-product privilege and/or the attorney-client privilege. If the Port withholds any requested Records based on an assertion of privilege, the Port shall provide Ecology with a privilege log specifying the Records withheld and the applicable privilege. No Site-related data collected pursuant to this Order shall be considered privileged, including: (1) any data regarding the Site, including, but not limited to, all sampling, analytical, monitoring, hydrogeologic, scientific, chemical, radiological, biological, or engineering data, or the portion of any other record that evidences conditions at or around the Site; or (2) the portion of any Record that Respondents are required to create or generate pursuant to this Order.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Order, Ecology retains all of its information gathering and inspection authorities and rights, including enforcement actions related thereto, under any other applicable statutes or regulations.

#### H. Retention of Records

During the pendency of this Order, and for ten (10) years from the date of completion of the work performed pursuant to this Order, the Port shall preserve all records, reports, documents, and underlying data in its possession relevant to the implementation of this Order and shall insert a similar record retention requirement into all contracts with project contractors and subcontractors.

## I. Resolution of Disputes

1. In the event that the Port elects to invoke dispute resolution the Port must utilize the procedure set forth below.

a. Upon the triggering event (receipt of Ecology's project coordinator's written decision or an itemized billing statement), the Port has fourteen (14) calendar days within which to notify Ecology's project coordinator in writing of its dispute (Informal Dispute Notice).

b. The Parties' project coordinators shall then confer in an effort to resolve the dispute informally. The Parties shall informally confer for up to fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the Informal Dispute Notice. If the project coordinators cannot resolve the dispute within those fourteen (14) calendar days, then within seven (7) calendar days Ecology's project coordinator shall issue a written decision (Informal Dispute Decision) stating: the nature of the dispute; the Port's position with regards to the dispute; Ecology's position with regards to the dispute; and the extent of resolution reached by informal discussion.

c. The Port may then request regional management review of the dispute. The Port must submit this request (Formal Dispute Notice) in writing to the Northwest Region Toxics Cleanup Section Manager within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of Ecology's Informal Dispute Decision. The Formal Dispute Notice shall include a written statement of dispute setting forth: the nature of the dispute; the Port's position with respect to the dispute; and the information relied upon to support its position.

d. The Section Manager shall conduct a review of the dispute and shall endeavor to issue a written decision regarding the dispute (Decision on Dispute) within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the Formal Dispute Notice. The Decision on Dispute shall be Ecology's final decision on the disputed matter. 2. The Parties agree to only utilize the dispute resolution process in good faith and agree to expedite, to the extent possible, the dispute resolution process whenever it is used.

3. Implementation of these dispute resolution procedures shall not provide a basis for delay of any activities required in this Order, unless Ecology agrees in writing to a schedule extension.

4. In case of a dispute, failure to either proceed with the work required by this Order or timely invoke dispute resolution may result in Ecology's determination that insufficient progress is being made in preparation of a deliverable, and may result in Ecology undertaking the work under Section VII.I (Work to be Performed) or initiating enforcement under Section X (Enforcement).

### J. Extension of Schedule

1. The Port's request for an extension of schedule shall be granted only when a request for an extension is submitted in a timely fashion, generally at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the deadline for which the extension is requested, and good cause exists for granting the extension. All extensions shall be requested in writing. The request shall specify:

a. The deadline that is sought to be extended.

b. The length of the extension sought.

c. The reason(s) for the extension.

d. Any related deadline or schedule that would be affected if the extension were granted.

2. The burden shall be on the Port to demonstrate to the satisfaction of Ecology that the request for such extension has been submitted in a timely fashion and that good cause exists for granting the extension. Good cause may include, but may not be limited to:

a. Circumstances beyond the reasonable control and despite the due diligence of the Port including delays caused by unrelated third parties or Ecology, such as (but not limited to) delays by Ecology in reviewing, approving, or modifying documents submitted by the Port. b. A shelter in place or work stoppage mandated by state or local government order due to public health and safety emergencies.

c. Acts of God, including fire, flood, blizzard, extreme temperatures, storm, or other unavoidable casualty.

d. Endangerment as described in Section VIII.K (Endangerment).
 However, neither increased costs of performance of the terms of this Order nor changed economic circumstances shall be considered circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Port.

3. Ecology shall act upon any the Port's written request for extension in a timely fashion. Ecology shall give the Port written notification of any extensions granted pursuant to this Order. A requested extension shall not be effective until approved by Ecology. Unless the extension is a substantial change, it shall not be necessary to amend this Order pursuant to Section VIII.J (Amendment of Order) when a schedule extension is granted.

4. At the Port's request, an extension shall only be granted for such period of time as Ecology determines is reasonable under the circumstances. Ecology may grant schedule extensions exceeding ninety (90) days only as a result of one of the following:

a. Delays in the issuance of a necessary permit which was applied for in a timely manner.

b. Other circumstances deemed exceptional or extraordinary by Ecology.

c. Endangerment as described in Section VIII.K (Endangerment).

## K. Amendment of Order

The project coordinators may verbally agree to minor changes to the work to be performed without formally amending this Order. Minor changes will be documented in writing by Ecology within seven (7) days of verbal agreement.

Except as provided in Section VIII.L (Reservation of Rights), substantial changes to the work to be performed shall require formal amendment of this Order. This Order may only be formally amended by the written consent of both Ecology and the Port. Ecology will provide its written consent to a formal amendment only after public notice and opportunity to comment on the formal amendment.

When requesting a change to the Order, the Port shall submit a written request to Ecology for approval. Ecology shall indicate its approval or disapproval in writing and in a timely manner after the written request is received. If Ecology determines that the change is substantial, then the Order must be formally amended. Reasons for the disapproval of a proposed change to this Order shall be stated in writing. If Ecology does not agree to a proposed change, the disagreement may be addressed through the dispute resolution procedures described in Section VIII.H (Resolution of Disputes).

## L. Endangerment

In the event Ecology determines that any activity being performed at the Site under this Order is creating or has the potential to create a danger to human health or the environment on or surrounding the Site, Ecology may direct the Port to cease such activities for such period of time as it deems necessary to abate the danger. The Port shall immediately comply with such direction.

In the event the Port determines that any activity being performed at the Site under this Order is creating or has the potential to create a danger to human health or the environment, the Port may cease such activities. The Port shall notify Ecology's project coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after making such determination or ceasing such activities. Upon Ecology's direction, the Port shall provide Ecology with documentation of the basis for the determination or cessation of such activities. If Ecology disagrees with the Port's cessation of activities, it may direct the Port to resume such activities.

If Ecology concurs with or orders a work stoppage pursuant to this section, the Port's obligations with respect to the ceased activities shall be suspended until Ecology determines the danger is abated, and the time for performance of such activities, as well as the time for any other work dependent upon such activities, shall be extended in accordance with Section VIII.I (Extension of Schedule) for such period of time as Ecology determines is reasonable under the circumstances.

Nothing in this Order shall limit the authority of Ecology, its employees, agents, or contractors to take or require appropriate action in the event of an emergency.

### M. Reservation of Rights

This Order is not a settlement under RCW 70A.305. Ecology's signature on this Order in no way constitutes a covenant not to sue or a compromise of any of Ecology's rights or authority. Ecology will not, however, bring an action against the Port to recover remedial action costs paid to and received by Ecology under this Order. In addition, Ecology will not take additional enforcement actions against the Port regarding remedial actions required by this Order, provided the Port complies with this Order.

Ecology nevertheless reserves its rights under RCW 70A.305, including the right to require additional or different remedial actions at the Site should it deem such actions necessary to protect human health or the environment, and to issue orders requiring such remedial actions. Ecology also reserves all rights regarding the injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources resulting from the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site.

By entering into this Order, the Port does not admit to any liability for the Site. Although the Port is committing to conducting the work required by this Order under the terms of this Order, the Port expressly reserves all rights available under law, including but not limited to the right to seek cost recovery or contribution against third parties, and the right to assert any defenses to liability in the event of enforcement.

### N. Transfer of Interest in Property

No voluntary conveyance or relinquishment of title, easement, leasehold, or other interest in any portion of the Site shall be consummated by the Port without provision for continued implementation of all requirements of this Order and implementation of any remedial actions found to be necessary as a result of this Order.

Prior to the Port's transfer of any interest in all or any portion of the Site, and during the effective period of this Order, the Port shall provide a copy of this Order to any prospective purchaser, lessee, transferee, assignee, or other successor in said interest; and, at least thirty (30)

days prior to any transfer, the Port shall notify Ecology of said transfer. Upon transfer of any interest, the Port shall notify all transferees of the restrictions on the activities and uses of the property under this Order and incorporate any such use restrictions into the transfer documents.

### **O.** Compliance with Applicable Laws

1. *Applicable Laws*. All actions carried out by the Port pursuant to this Order shall be done in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements, including requirements to obtain necessary permits or approvals, except as provided in RCW 70A.305.090. The permits or specific federal, state, or local requirements that the agency has determined are applicable and that are known at the time of the execution of this Order have been identified in Exhibit D. The Port has a continuing obligation to identify additional applicable federal, state, and local requirements which apply to actions carried out pursuant to this Order, and to comply with those requirements. As additional federal, state, and local requirements are identified by Ecology or the Port, Ecology will document in writing if they are applicable to actions carried out pursuant to this Order, and the Port must implement those requirements.

2. *Relevant and Appropriate Requirements.* All actions carried out by the Port pursuant to this Order shall be done in accordance with relevant and appropriate requirements identified by Ecology. The relevant and appropriate requirements that Ecology has determined apply have been identified in Exhibit D. If additional relevant and appropriate requirements are identified by Ecology or the Port, Ecology will document in writing if they are applicable to actions carried out pursuant to this Order and the Port must implement those requirements.

3. Pursuant to RCW 70A.305.090(1), the Port may be exempt from the procedural requirements of RCW 70A.15, 70A.205, 70A.300, 77.55, 90.48, and 90.58 and of any laws requiring or authorizing local government permits or approvals. However, the Port shall comply with the substantive requirements of such permits or approvals. For permits and approvals covered under RCW 70A.305.090(1) that have been issued by local government, the Parties agree that Ecology has the non-exclusive ability under this Order to enforce those local government permits and/or approvals. The exempt permits or approvals and the applicable substantive requirements of

those permits or approvals, as they are known at the time of the execution of this Order, have been identified in Exhibit E.

4. The Port has a continuing obligation to determine whether additional permits or approvals addressed in RCW 70A.305.090(1) would otherwise be required for the remedial action under this Order. In the event either Ecology or the Port determines that additional permits or approvals addressed in RCW 70A.305.090(1) would otherwise be required for the remedial action under this Order, it shall promptly notify the other Party of its determination. Ecology shall determine whether Ecology or the Port shall be responsible to contact the appropriate state and/or local agencies. If Ecology so requires, the Port shall promptly consult with the appropriate state and/or local agencies and provide Ecology with written documentation from those agencies of the substantive requirements those agencies believe are applicable to the remedial action. Ecology shall make the final determination on the additional substantive requirements that must be met by the Port and on how the Port must meet those requirements. Ecology shall inform the Port in writing of these requirements. Once established by Ecology, the additional requirements shall be enforceable requirements of this Order. The Port shall not begin or continue the remedial action potentially subject to the additional requirements until Ecology makes its final determination.

Pursuant to RCW 70A.305.090(2), in the event Ecology determines that the exemption from complying with the procedural requirements of the laws referenced in RCW 70A.305.090(1) would result in the loss of approval from a federal agency that is necessary for the state to administer any federal law, the exemption shall not apply and the Port shall comply with both the procedural and substantive requirements of the laws referenced in RCW 70A.305.090(1), including any requirements to obtain permits or approvals.

### P. Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, the Port agrees to indemnify and save and hold the State of Washington, its employees, and agents harmless from any and all claims or causes of action (1) for death or injuries to persons, or (2) for loss or damage to property, to the extent arising from or on account of acts or omissions of itself, its officers, employees, agents, or contractors in entering Agreed Order No. DE 22060 Page 22 of 23

into and implementing this Order. However, the Port shall not indemnify the State of Washington nor save nor hold its employees and agents harmless from any claims or causes of action to the extent arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of the State of Washington, or the employees or agents of the State, in entering into or implementing this Order.

#### IX. SATISFACTION OF ORDER

The provisions of this Order shall be deemed satisfied upon the Port's receipt of written notification from Ecology that the Port has completed the remedial activity required by this Order, as amended by any modifications, and that the Port has complied with all other provisions of this Agreed Order.

#### X. ENFORCEMENT

Pursuant to RCW 70A.305.050, this Order may be enforced as follows:

A. The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce this Order in a state or federal court.

B. The Attorney General may seek, by filing an action, if necessary, to recover amounts spent by Ecology for investigative and remedial actions and orders related to the Site.

C. A liable party who refuses, without sufficient cause, to comply with any term of this Order will be liable for:

1. Up to three (3) times the amount of any costs incurred by the State of Washington as a result of its refusal to comply.

2. Civil penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per day for each day it refuses to comply.

D. This Order is not appealable to the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board. This Order may be reviewed only as provided under RCW 70A.305.070.

Effective date of this Order: <u>August 22, 2023</u>

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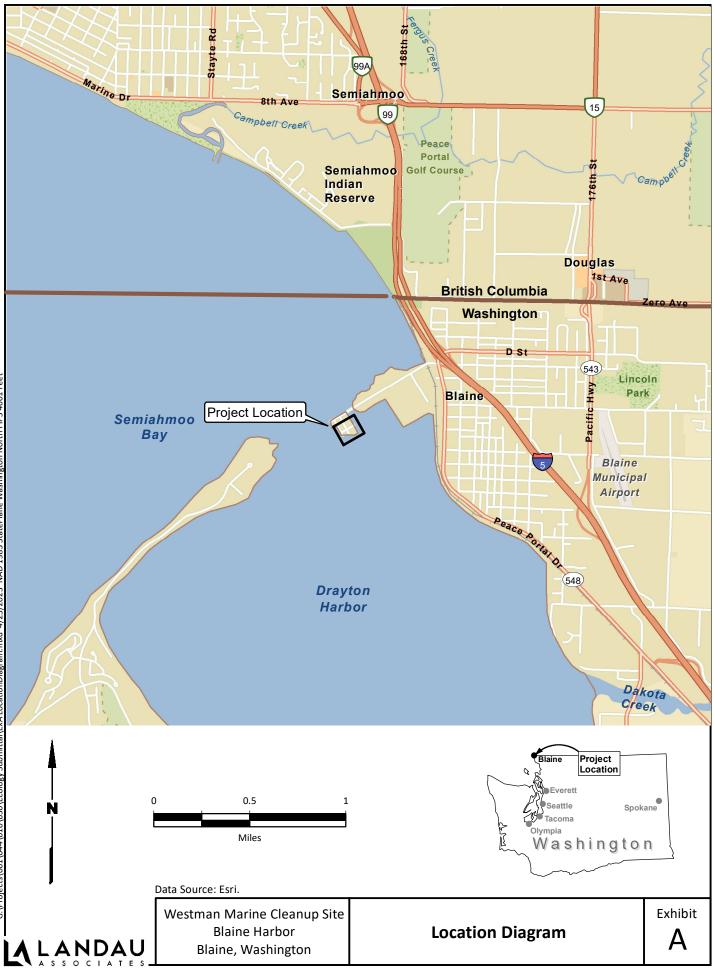
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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ARARs	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements
CAP	cleanup action plan
CL	cleanup level
cm	centimeters
CMP	compliance monitoring plan
сРАН	carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
CSL	cleanup screening level
CSM	conceptual site model
DCA	disproportionate cost analysis
DNR	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
EMNR	enhanced monitored natural recovery
IHS	indicator hazardous substance
ft	foot/feet
FS	feasibility study
MNR	monitored natural recovery
MTCA	
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
РВТ	persistent bioaccumulative toxin
РСВ	polychlorinated biphenyl
Port	Port of Bellingham
PQL	practical quantitation limit
PRDI	pre-remedial design investigation
RAO	remedial action objective
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
RI	remedial investigation
RI/FS	remedial investigation/feasibility study
SCO	sediment cleanup objective
SCU	sediment cleanup unit
Site	Westman Marine Cleanup Site
SL	screening level
SMA	sediment management area
SMS	Sediment Management Standards
SVOC	semivolatile organic compound
ТВТ	tributyltin
VOC	volatile organic compound
WAC	Washington Administrative Code
Westman Marine	Westman Marine Inc.

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# **1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SITE BACKGROUND**

This final cleanup action plan (CAP) describes the cleanup action selected by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the Westman Marine Cleanup Site (Site) in Blaine, Washington (Figure 1). The CAP is based on findings of the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS; Landau 2020) conducted by the Port of Bellingham (Port) under an Agreed Order between Ecology and the Port. Site information includes the following:

Site Name:	Westman Marine
Site Location:	218 McMillan Avenue, Blaine, Washington
Facility Site Identification No.:	66519819
Agreed Order No.:	DE 9001
Effective Date of Order:	April 22, 2013
Parties to the Order:	Port of Bellingham, Washington Department of Natural Resources
Current Property Owner:	Port of Bellingham, Washington Department of Natural Resources

As specified in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173 340 380, this CAP:

- Provides a summary description of the Site, history, previous investigations, and current conditions (Section 1)
- Identifies Site cleanup standards (Section 2)
- Summarizes the cleanup alternatives and rationale for selecting the preferred remedy (Section 3)
- Provides implementation details for the preferred cleanup action (Section 4), including:
  - A conceptual summary of each element of the cleanup action
  - The schedule for implementation
  - Compatibility with future Site uses
  - Institutional controls (if necessary)
  - The types, levels, and amounts of hazardous substances that may remain on Site after the cleanup action is implemented, and the measures that will be used to prevent migration of, and contact with, those substances.

# **1.1 Site Location and Description**

The Site is located in Blaine, Washington within Blaine Harbor (Figure 1). Blaine Harbor is at the north end of Drayton Harbor, in the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 40 North, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian. Westman Marine Inc. (Westman Marine) leased approximately 1.5 acres of upland Port property at 218 McMillan Avenue for use as a boatyard as well as other operators prior to Westman Marine (Figure 2). Westman Marine and other former tenants have conducted maintenance and repair of marine vessels at the Site, an activity generally referred to in this report as "boatyard activities." These boatyard activities resulted in the release of hazardous substances to Site media, including soil, groundwater, and marine sediment.

The Site boundary, as described in Agreed Order No. DE 9001 (Ecology 2013), is defined by the extent of contamination caused by the release of hazardous substances from Site activities and is not limited to lease area or property boundaries. This includes areas where hazardous substances have been deposited, stored, disposed of, placed, or otherwise have come to be located. The Site has been divided into an Upland Cleanup Unit and Sediment Cleanup Unit, which have different cleanup criteria under Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and Sediment Management Standards (SMS; Chapter 173-204 WAC) regulations. Apart from the vicinity map provided on Figure 1, the planview figures in this report are oriented to the northwest. Descriptions of direction in this report will reference project north.

The Site is being cleaned up under the authority of the MTCA, Chapter 70.105D of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and the MTCA Cleanup Regulation, Chapter 173-340 WAC.

# 1.2 Site History and Background

The history of Site development and operations presented in this section is a brief summary of the historical information presented in the RI/FS report (Landau 2020). The summary is based on a review of existing environmental reports related to previous Site investigations and a review of historical aerial photographs taken between 1949 and 2011.

Blaine Harbor was originally created in the late 1930s by dredging 2 acres of tideflats to create a small boat harbor. A road was constructed across the tideflats to access the harbor, and adjacent tidelands were filled to create uplands and provide shore support for the area. In the late 1940s, 4 additional acres were dredged, adjacent tidelands were filled, and a breakwater, bulkheads, floats, and ramps were constructed. The upland area created at the Site generally consists of dredge fill with timber bulkheads along the shoreline. An additional 15-acre area of tideflats was dredged and an extension of the breakwater was completed in the mid-1950s (TEC 2001). An aerial photograph from 1956 (Figure 3) shows the breakwater was extended farther east and improvements to upland facilities were made.

Business activity has historically been focused in the area along the western end of Blaine Harbor in the industrial area, which comprises the upland area shown on Figure 3. A portion of the southwestern end of the harbor includes state-owned lands that are managed by the Port under a Port Management Agreement with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Inner-Harbor Line (shown on Figure 2) defines the boundary between property owned by the Port (east of the Inner-Harbor Line), and property that is owned by the state and managed by the Port under the agreement with DNR (west of the Inner-Harbor Line).

The property at the Site has been leased by the Port to various commercial marine operations to support seafood processing, boatbuilding, and boatyard operations from approximately 1949 to present. Inadvertent releases of contamination occurred during boatbuilding or boatyard operations during this time. It is likely that the contamination, mostly concentrated in areas near the marine railway and sidetracks, was deposited during historical operations, prior to the implementation of the modern operational practices required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and State Waste Discharge General Permit for Stormwater and Wastewater Discharges Associated with Boatyards (General Boatyard Permit).

# **1.3 Current Site Conditions, Features, and Uses**

The Port supports the local marine industry in multiple ways, including maintaining the critical boatyard capacity in Blaine to support the fishing fleet, which in-turn provides product to the local seafood processors. Figure 4 presents an aerial photograph depicting the general condition of the Site in 2019. The property is currently leased to On-Board Marine Services, which operates the boatyard under the General Boatyard Permit (WAG 030053).

As shown on the figure, the uplands of the Site are bounded on the south and east by surface waters of Blaine Harbor, and to the west and north by other uplands comprising commercial marine industrial properties owned by the Port and leased to various tenants.

# **1.3.1** Interim Action

In November 2013, a Port tenant, Boundary Fish, began construction activities for a new building in its lease area, located partially within the upland Site boundary. Prior to construction, surface soil samples were collected within the proposed new building footprint as part of a preliminary investigation, and results indicated that copper, mercury, and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs) were present in soil at concentrations greater than the Site soil screening levels (SLs). The contaminants were identified in fill in the immediate vicinity of the marine railway sidetracks.

In October 2013, two separate excavation events were conducted as an interim action to remove the identified contaminated soil. After each excavation event, compliance samples were collected to evaluate remaining conditions. In addition to collecting surface soil samples to guide removal efforts and document remaining conditions, several subsurface soil samples were collected using a direct-push boring rig to determine the extent of diesel-range petroleum hydrocarbon contamination surrounding a concrete structure discovered during the initial excavation.

Approximately 420 tons of soil was excavated from the area and temporarily stockpiled nearby on Port property. The soil stockpile was placed on top of plastic sheeting, covered, and secured with sandbags pending offsite disposal. In March 2014, the soil was transported off Site and disposed of at the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in Roosevelt, Washington, completing the interim action. Additional details of the effort were documented in the Interim Action Completion Report (Landau 2014).

# **1.4 Remedial Investigation and Results**

The Port conducted the Site RI in 2013 and 2014, investigating for the presence of constituents of potential concern based on preliminary information from earlier studies and general historical information regarding property usage. The investigation analyzed samples of soil and groundwater for the following:

- Metals (arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, and zinc)
- Semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs, including naphthalenes and cPAHs)
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- Organotins (tributyltin [TBT])
- Gasoline-range total petroleum hydrocarbons
- Diesel-range total petroleum hydrocarbons
- Motor oil-range total petroleum hydrocarbons
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

The RI also analyzed sediments in the harbor for the following:

- Metals (arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, silver, and zinc)
- SVOCs (including naphthalenes and cPAHs)
- Total PCBs
- Organotins (TBT)
- Persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs; arsenic, lead, mercury, TBT, naphthalenes, PCBs, and cPAHs).

The contaminants exceeding the SLs established in the RI were carried forward in the RI/FS process, assuming they would need to be addressed through cleanup. These contaminants were subsequently referred to in the RI/FS report as indicator hazardous substances (IHSs). The identified IHSs that exceeded cleanup standards and their associated media are as follows:

- Soil
  - Arsenic, copper, mercury, PCBs, and cPAHs
- Sediment
  - Arsenic, copper, mercury, zinc, PCBs, cPAHs, and TBT.

Figure 5 presents the conceptual site model (CSM), which describes the mechanisms for contaminant release, distribution, fate and transport, and potential exposure routes. Figures 6 and 7 present the

areas where remedial efforts discussed in this CAP will be implemented. The RI determined that the CSM for contaminant release and subsequent distribution was primarily through historical boatyard maintenance operations, which resulted in contaminant release to the ground surface. Shallow soil along the railway sidetracks and throughout large portions of the Site's gravel surface is impacted. Contamination is also present along the marine railway, presumably due in part to historical maintenance activities at this location, and to stormwater runoff washing contaminated soil particles into the marine railway well, where it was later distributed to nearby sediment.

In the upland areas, IHSs are broadly distributed in shallow soil, as shown on Figure 6. The cPAHs, metals, and PCBs in the surface and shallow soil appear to be caused by historical releases from operations at the Site based on their distribution and the IHSs present. The cPAHs, and to a lesser degree arsenic, identified in deeper soil at concentrations exceeding the SLs, appear to be related to poor fill quality prior to boatyard operations. This conclusion is based on the association of contamination with the presence of wood debris in the fill and the lack of a viable migration pathway, based on the CSM, between the area of Site activities and the deeper soil contamination.

In the sediment areas, IHSs are present in marine sediment at concentrations that exceed the SLs (developed based on protection of benthic organisms) in the vicinity of the marine railway well and the travel lift area and extending south about 200 feet (ft) from the shoreline, as shown on Figure 7, defined as sediment management area 1 (SMA-1). Exceedance of the SLs protective of benthic organisms is limited to the immediate vicinity of the marine railway well and travel lift piers. The depth of sediment contamination in these areas is limited to approximately the upper 2.5 ft and does not extend deeper than surface sediment beyond about 100 ft from the shoreline for all IHSs except for PCBs; PCBs exceed the sediment cleanup objective (SCO) in subsurface sediment located approximately 200 ft out from the shoreline.

PCBs and cPAHs are present in marine surface sediment at concentrations above the SLs protective of human health and higher trophic-level species. PCB Aroclor concentrations generally decrease with distance from the marine railway until they are undetectable near the eastern and western harbor boundaries. The concentrations of cPAHs are highest near the marine railway and detected at various concentrations exceeding the SLs throughout the harbor. As described in the RI report, the cPAH distribution is interpreted to indicate that the harbor-wide cPAH concentrations are related to creosote-treated marine infrastructure and not Site releases.

The RI/FS identified two independent Site Units to evaluate cleanup alternatives: the Upland Site Unit and Marine Site Unit. Within the Marine Site Unit, two sediment management areas (SMA-1 and SMA-2) were identified where different remedial technologies may be applied. Alternatives were developed and evaluated for each Site Unit, and a preferred alternative was selected as described in Section 3. The Site Units identified in the RI/FS have been revised in this CAP to be referenced as the Upland Cleanup Unit and Sediment Cleanup Unit. This revised designation has been made primarily to support final definition of the sediment Site boundary based on the PBT results of future Pre-Remedial Design Investigation (PRDI) activities. Additional PCB congener data will supplement limited existing RI data to address updated human health sediment cleanup levels, as described in Section 2.

# 2.0 CLEANUP STANDARDS

This section develops Site cleanup standards for IHSs detected in affected Site media (soil and sediment). No IHSs are identified for groundwater, so development of cleanup standards is not required for the medium. Cleanup standards consist of 1) numerical cleanup levels (CLs) defined by regulatory criteria that are adequately protective of human health and the environment, and 2) the points of compliance at which the CLs must be met.

# 2.1 Numerical Cleanup Levels

The following subsections summarize the development of Site CLs for media of concern at the Site. Table 1 provides a summary of CLs for soil and sediment.

# 2.1.1 Soil

The CLs for the IHSs identified in soil remain unchanged from the SLs developed during the RI/FS. The soil CLs are protective of human health using applicable risk assessment procedures specified in WAC 173-340-708, based on the reasonable maximum exposure at the Site. Although Site use is commercial and light industrial, soil CLs protective of human health were developed based on the requirements under WAC 173-340-740 for unrestricted land use, which represents a conservative basis for soil CLs given the reduced level of daily exposure associated with commercial and light industrial site use.

MTCA Method B soil CLs protective of direct human contact were determined in accordance with WAC 173-340-740(3) using Ecology's Cleanup Levels and Risk Calculations database (Ecology 2020).

The MTCA Method A soil CLs for unrestricted site use were used to address mercury because a MTCA Method B criterion is not available for that constituent. Some adjustments to CLs were made so that the values were no less than the practical quantitation limit or natural background metals concentrations in accordance with WAC 173-340-730(5)(c).

# 2.1.2 Sediment

The SMS (Chapter 173-204 WAC) provide a two-tiered approach for developing sediment CLs within an acceptable range of values. The lower limit of this range, the SCO, is the contaminant concentration that represents the goal for protection of human health and the environment. The upper limit of the acceptable range is the cleanup screening level (CSL), which is the maximum allowable concentration to be achieved in any cleanup action under the SMS. The CLs for marine sediment are typically set at the SCO, but could be increased to the CSL, at a maximum, if it is not technically possible to achieve and maintain the SCO and/or if meeting and maintaining the SCO would have a net adverse environmental impact on the aquatic environment. To establish CLs for PBTs, the regional/natural background values or the practical quantitation limits (PQLs) are often considered as their respective CLs. The CLs for copper and zinc in sediment are established at the SCO (based on the protection of benthic organisms criteria). For those metals that are considered PBTs (i.e., arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, and TBT), the CLs are set at the SCO, which is the highest value of the comparison between the corresponding natural background values, PQLs, and the calculated risk-based concentrations (protective of human health and higher trophic-level species, based on Site exposure scenarios). Regional background metals concentrations are not available for the Site vicinity, so the CSLs are equal to the more conservative calculated risk-based SCO value. See Appendix A for the revised metals CL evaluations.

For other non-metal PBTs (i.e., PCBs and cPAHs), due to the broad distribution of PCBs and cPAHs at concentrations exceeding the SCOs (based on protection of human health), the RI/FS summarized an approach for establishing a proposed CL between the SCO and CSL based on the net adverse environmental impacts that would have been realized if dredging were to occur in such a large area. However, in re-evaluating the sediment CLs for this CAP (see Appendix A), the CLs for these two PBTs are also established at their respective SCOs. The CLs for IHSs in sediment are summarized in Table 1.

The SCOs may be re-evaluated in the future if regional background values are developed or during the periodic review (i.e., the post-cleanup confirmation monitoring) at the Site.

### 2.2 **Points of Compliance**

The point(s) of compliance under MTCA/SMS are the point or points at a site where the CLs must be attained to achieve cleanup standards. For the Upland Cleanup Unit, the point of compliance at which the CLs must be met is soil throughout the Site, in accordance with WAC 173-340-740(6).

In the Sediment Cleanup Unit, the point of compliance at which the CLs have been defined by Ecology is the predominantly biologically active zone (upper 12 centimeters [cm] of sediment; current or future). For sediment CLs developed for the protection of benthic organisms, compliance is based on a point-by-point comparison between sediment quality data and the associated CLs. For the sediment CLs developed for PBTs, compliance is assessed based on the surface weighted average concentration, in accordance with SMS and the Sediment Cleanup User's Manual (SCUM) guidance (Ecology 2021), since human health and higher trophic-level species have area-wide exposure scenarios.

### 2.3 Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements

In accordance with MTCA, cleanup actions conducted under MTCA shall comply with applicable state and federal laws [WAC 173-340-710(1)]. MTCA defines applicable state and federal laws to include legally applicable requirements and those requirements that are relevant and appropriate. Collectively, these requirements are referred to as applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs). This section provides a brief overview of potential ARARs associated with Site cleanup. The MTCA cleanup regulations (Chapter 173-340 WAC) are considered the governing regulations under which Site cleanup will be conducted, and as such are not considered ARARs. The primary ARARs that may be applicable to the cleanup action include the following:

- Washington Chemical Contaminants and Water Quality Act and Washington Water Pollution Control Act and the following implementing regulation: Water Quality for Surface Waters (Chapter 173-201A WAC)
- Washington Chemical Contaminants and Water Quality Act implemented by the SMS (Chapter 173-204 WAC).
- Washington State Clean Water Act, with respect to water quality criteria for surface water (Blaine Harbor)
- Dredge and fill requirements under Code of Federal Regulations 320-330 implementing Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Washington State Hydraulic Code Rules under Chapter 220-110 WAC
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Subtitle C regulations, to the extent that hazardous wastes are discovered during the cleanup action
- Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act and Dangerous Waste Regulations, to the extent that dangerous wastes are discovered during the cleanup action
- Shoreline Management Act, with respect to construction activities during the cleanup action
- Endangered Species Act, due to the listing of Puget Sound Chinook salmon and the potential listing of coastal/Puget Sound bull trout
- Critical Areas Ordinance of the City of Blaine (Blaine Municipal Land Use Code Chapter 17.82 Critical Areas Management)
- Washington State Clean Air Act and air quality regulations (Chapter 173-400 WAC) for point source emissions
- Northwest Clean Air Agency Regulation 300 for point source emissions.
- In accordance with Washington State Executive Order 05-05 (WSOG 2005), the Section 106 Cultural Recourses Review Form must be completed for the project, and a site-specific Inadvertent Discovery Plan must be prepared to provide for proper monitoring for archaeological resources, and to respond appropriately if such resources are observed during construction.

The requirements of MTCA, the Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters, the SMS, and the Clean Water Act were considered in the development of Site cleanup standards. RCRA Subtitle C and Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations are not expected to apply unless hazardous and/or dangerous wastes are discovered or generated during implementation of the cleanup action; these wastes are not known to be present at the Site.

In accordance with MTCA, the cleanup action will be exempt from the procedural requirements of Chapters 70.94, 70.95, 70.105, 77.55, 90.48, and 90.58 RCW, and of any laws requiring or authorizing

local government permits or approvals. However, the substantive requirements of such permits or approvals (WAC 173-340-520) must be met.

### 3.0 SELECTION OF THE PREFERRED CLEANUP ACTION

The Site is determined to have two separate and distinct impacted areas that warrant designation and evaluation: the Upland Cleanup Unit and the Sediment Cleanup Unit (see Figures 6 and 7, respectively). The FS evaluated remedial alternatives, and a preferred alternative was selected by Ecology that achieves remedial action objectives (RAOs) for both Cleanup Units.

Three cleanup action alternatives were evaluated in the Site RI/FS for the Upland Cleanup Unit, and four alternatives for the Sediment Cleanup Unit (Landau 2020). This section discusses the cleanup action alternatives evaluated in the FS and provides an overview of the selection process. Ecology's selection of the preferred cleanup action was based on the procedures specified by MTCA including consideration of the RAOs, potentially applicable laws, meeting threshold requirements [WAC 173-340-360(2)], being permanent to the maximum extent practicable [WAC 173- 340-360(3)(f)], Site restoration timeframe [173-340-360(4)(b)], public concerns [WAC 173-340-515(4)(d)], and future land use. Additional discussion regarding the comparative evaluation of these considerations is presented in the RI/FS report (Landau 2020).

RAOs define the goals of the cleanup that must be achieved to adequately protect human health and the environment. RAOs must address all affected media, and a cleanup alternative must achieve all RAOs to be considered a viable cleanup action. RAOs can be either action-specific or media-specific.

The following action- and media-specific RAOs were identified for the Site:

- **RAO-1:** Prevent direct human contact with soil containing hazardous substances at concentrations exceeding the soil CLs
- **RAO-2:** Prevent releases of hazardous substances in upland soil and stormwater to surface water and marine sediment
- **RAO-3:** Prevent exposure of marine biota to sediment containing hazardous substances at concentrations that exceed cleanup standards protective of benthic organisms
- **RAO-4:** Prevent exposure of humans and higher trophic-level species to PBTs at concentrations that exceed cleanup standards protective of humans and higher trophic-level species.

### 3.1 Summary of Cleanup Action Alternatives

This section provides a summary of each alternative that was developed for the upland and sediment areas requiring cleanup. Section 4 provides additional details for the selected alternative. One element common to all remedial alternatives is the temporary removal of the marine railway system to allow for dredging. This generally requires removing the rails, rail ties, and support pilings to provide the necessary access to contaminated areas, thereby allowing implementation of the cleanup alternatives discussed below to meet RAO-1, RAO-3, and assist in meeting RAO-4. The marine industrial infrastructure will be reconstructed following contaminant removal efforts to preserve the functionality of ongoing boatyard operations.

# 3.1.1 Upland Cleanup Unit Remedial Alternatives Considered in the Feasibility Study

- 1. **Remedial Alternative U-1:** Extended near-surface excavation and offsite disposal of contaminated soil, and containment
  - Remove marine side rails and foundations
  - Excavation and offsite disposal of top 2 ft of soil within the areas of contamination
  - Install and maintain clean soil containment layer with stormwater management features
  - Institutional controls (restrictive covenants) and long-term operation and maintenance (assume 30 years).
- 2. **Remedial Alternative U-2:** Near-surface excavation and offsite disposal of contaminated soil, and containment
  - Remove marine side rails and foundations
  - Excavation and offsite disposal of top 1 ft of soil within the areas of contamination
  - Install and maintain asphalt containment layer with stormwater management features
  - Institutional controls (restrictive covenants) and long-term operation and maintenance (assume 30 years).
- 3. Remedial Alternative U-3: Site-wide removal of contaminated soil
  - Excavation of contaminated soils (entire Upland Cleanup Unit) and offsite disposal
  - Site restoration.

## 3.1.2 Sediment Cleanup Unit Remedial Alternatives Considered During the Feasibility Study

- 1. **Remedial Alternative M-1:** Sediment dredging and enhanced monitored natural recovery (EMNR) in SMA-1 and monitored natural recovery (MNR) in SMA-2
  - Replace existing bulkhead within dredging area
  - Temporarily remove the marine railway system and adjacent docks and replace after dredging
  - Remove contaminated sediment in SMA-1 (only where sufficient water depth is not available to support EMNR) and dispose of the removed materials at an upland offsite disposal facility
  - Implement EMNR in SMA-1, and MNR (as a contingency, if needed), in SMA-2 until cleanup standards are achieved.
- 2. Remedial Alternative M-2: Sediment dredging in SMA-1 and MNR in SMA-2
  - Replace existing bulkhead within dredging area
  - Temporarily remove the marine railway system and adjacent docks and replace after dredging

- Remove contaminated sediment from throughout SMA-1 and dispose of the removed materials at an upland offsite disposal facility
- Implement MNR as a contingency measure, if needed, in SMA-2 until cleanup standards are achieved.
- 3. Remedial Alternative M-3: Sediment dredging in SMA-1 and EMNR in SMA-2
  - Replace existing bulkhead within dredging area
  - Temporarily remove the marine railway system and adjacent docks and replace after dredging
  - Remove contaminated sediment from throughout SMA-1 and dispose of the removed materials at an upland offsite disposal facility
  - EMNR in SMA-2 (6 inches of sand to reduce area-weighted average PCB concentration to below the SCO)
  - Conduct compliance monitoring to confirm cleanup standards are achieved and maintained.
- 4. Remedial Alternative M-4: Harbor-wide contaminated sediment removal
  - Replace existing bulkhead within dredging area
  - Temporarily remove the marine railway system and adjacent docks and replace after dredging
  - Remove sediment throughout the harbor with concentrations of IHSs greater than SCOs and dispose of at a Subtitle D solid waste facility.

### 3.2 Rationale for Selecting the Preferred Cleanup Action

The cleanup alternatives listed above are developed and evaluated with respect to their ability to achieve compliance with MTCA cleanup requirements. The evaluation for selecting a cleanup action under MTCA requires developing a reasonable number of alternatives for cleanup, each meeting threshold criteria [WAC 173-340-360(2)(a)], including the ability to protect human health and the environment; comply with cleanup standards; comply with local, state, and federal laws (or ARARs); and provide for compliance monitoring. Compliance with these requirements under MTCA is presumed by definition to be protective of human health and the environment and in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws once cleanup standards have been met. The alternatives are further evaluated for their ability to satisfy these threshold criteria within a reasonable timeframe [WAC 173-340-360(2)(b)(ii) and WAC 173-340-360(4)] and achieve the RAOs identified for the Site.

MTCA provides for the costs and benefits associated with alternatives to be evaluated through a disproportionate cost analysis (DCA), which compares the relative environmental benefits of each alternative to the most permanent alternative. Costs are disproportionate to benefits if the incremental cost of the most permanent alternative exceeds the incremental degree of benefits achieved over the lower-cost alternative [WAC 173-340-360(3)(e)(i)]. An alternative that exhibits

disproportionate costs is considered "impracticable," and that alternative is eliminated from further consideration.

The six evaluation criteria for the DCA are:

- Protectiveness
- Permanence
- Long-term effectiveness
- Short-term risk management
- Implementability
- Considerations of public concerns.

Upland Cleanup Unit Alternative U-1 and Sediment Cleanup Unit Alternative M-2 are determined through the DCA process to be permanent to the maximum extent practicable and will achieve cleanup standards within a reasonable restoration timeframe. These two alternatives are combined as the preferred cleanup action for addressing contamination at the Site.

Figures 8 and 9 present the results of the DCA process for the upland and sediment cleanup alternatives, respectively. The rationale for the selection is summarized in this section and presented in detail in the RI/FS report (Landau 2020). The selected cleanup action complies with the provisions of WAC 173-340-360. It will be protective of human health and the environment; comply with cleanup standards and applicable local, state, and federal laws; provide for compliance monitoring; and establish restrictive covenants, if needed. Institutional controls will be implemented, as needed, to provide notification regarding the presence of residual contaminated soil.

### 4.0 CLEANUP ACTION PLAN

This section describes the cleanup plan for both the Upland and Sediment Cleanup Units that will be implemented to attain the cleanup standards described in Section 2. The primary cleanup objective is to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise control unacceptable risks to human health and the environment posed by hazardous substances in impacted media.

In the Upland Cleanup Unit, the objectives are to address hazardous substances in soil to prevent exposure to ecological or human receptors by direct contact, prevent transport of upland contaminated soil to the marine environment as a result of erosion, and reduce leaching of contaminants from soil to groundwater. Groundwater quality in the Upland Cleanup Unit has already been demonstrated to be adequately protected.

In the Sediment Cleanup Unit, the objective is to address hazardous substances in surface sediment associated with the following potential exposure routes:

- Aquatic organisms being exposed to hazardous substances in sediment within the biologically active zone (the upper 12 cm of sediment)
- Human exposure to hazardous substances in sediment by direct contact
- Human or other higher trophic-level species receptors from being exposed to PBTs by seafood ingestion or benthic invertebrate prey via ingestion.

### 4.1 **Description of the Cleanup Action – Upland Cleanup Unit**

In the Upland Cleanup Unit, the cleanup action will include demolishing and removing the upland component of the marine railway system (i.e., side rails and concrete foundations), excavating and disposing of the upper 2 ft of contaminated soil, capping the upland area with clean soil, and implementing institutional controls. The DCA process identified U-1 as the preferred remedy; however, because the weighted benefit scores with U-2 are very similar (within 5 percent) the engineering and remedial design process will re-evaluate targeted depth of soil removal and capping surface options, including incorporation of a clean soil cap versus a hard surface (i.e., asphalt/ concrete).

In the uplands, cleanup will include the excavation and offsite disposal of the upper 2 ft of soil. This will provide a significant amount of contaminant mass removal from the shallow depths where contamination was identified during the RI, and where future Site intrusive activities could potentially expose workers to contaminated soil and/or cause releases of hazardous substances to the environment. As noted above, if a hard capping surface is determined appropriate, the upper 1 ft of soil will be removed. The bottom of the excavation will be lined with a geotextile fabric, then backfilled with clean, granular soil to existing grades to contain the remaining contaminated soil in-place. The resulting ground surface will be sloped to provide for stormwater management, and

institutional controls will be implemented so that future intrusive subsurface work at the Site would be conducted only in coordination with Ecology, to ensure the permanence of the remedy.

Based on the RI data, the excavated soil should be accepted for disposal at a permitted facility meeting Washington State requirements of Chapter 173-350 or -351 WAC, or complies with federal RCRA Subtitle D requirements. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of soil would be excavated, removing hazardous substances from the upper 2 ft of soil across most of the Site. Deeper soil contamination is minimal in comparison to the surface soils that will be removed. The deeper soil would be contained in place by the environmental cap, bulkhead improvements to prevent lateral migration, and importantly, institutional controls to ensure long-term effectiveness of the capping system.

The demolition and removal of the marine railway system side rails will allow access to remove the adjacent contaminated soils and allow flexibility for the surface regrading to better direct and manage stormwater to achieve RAO-2. Depending on land-use considerations, the upland marine railway system (or other associated marine industrial infrastructure) may be replaced to preserve ongoing boatyard operations.

This cleanup approach in the uplands is anticipated to achieve both RAO-1 (prevent direct contact with contaminated soil) and RAO-2 (prevent releases of hazardous substances in upland soil and stormwater to surface water and marine sediment) through a combination of source control, containment, institutional controls, and stormwater management.

It is assumed that existing operations would continue on the clean capping surface created through the cleanup action and that the surface would be graded to manage stormwater. As part of this alternative, stormwater collection and control would be required and implemented because current and potential future Site uses involve activities that require an NPDES Boatyard General Permit, an industrial stormwater general permit, or an individual permit. These permits require the collection and analysis of stormwater samples, and the potential treatment of stormwater if applicable benchmark criteria are exceeded.

Institutional control would be in the form of an environmental covenant for the Site to prevent activities that could compromise the integrity of the cleanup or otherwise result in unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. The restricted activities would include those that could result in releases of hazardous substances or exposure of workers to contaminated soil.

### 4.2 Description of the Cleanup Action – Sediment Cleanup Unit

In the Sediment Cleanup Unit, two sediment management areas (SMA-1 and SMA-2) were identified where different cleanup actions will be implemented. The cleanup action in SMA-1 will include temporarily demolishing and removing the marine railway system, including removal of the steel rails, rail ties, concrete, and piles; temporarily removing and replacing the adjacent docks within the sediment dredging area; replacing the existing bulkhead within the sediment dredging area; and

removing contaminated marine sediment by dredging. Depending on land-use considerations, the marine railway may be replaced with an alternative configuration (such as a travel lift and associated structures) to preserve ongoing boatyard operations. Completion of the PRDI will further refine the dredging footprint within SMA-1.

Sediment dredging within SMA-1 will remove contaminated sediment exceeding the SCO based on protection of benthic organisms. Dredging in SMA-1 is expected to achieve the sediment cleanup standards established for PBTs Site-wide (including SMA-2) based on reducing the harbor-wide area-weighted average of PBTs. The PRDI will include the collection of additional PBT data (PCB congeners and cPAHs) to evaluate harbor-wide area-weighted average concentrations and define the Site boundary. MNR in SMA-2 could be required as a contingent action (to be discussed further in the Compliance Monitoring Plan [CMP], see Section 4.5) after completing construction to attain cleanup standards throughout the Sediment Cleanup Unit. The primary components of the cleanup action to be conducted in the Sediment Cleanup Unit are shown on Figure 10.

Prior to dredging, environmental controls would be put into place as required by the project permits to protect the surrounding marine environment during the cleanup efforts. A silt curtain would be used to control turbidity and potential redistribution of contaminated sediment during construction, and limit impacts to surface water quality and sediment redistribution. Surface water quality monitoring would be conducted during the construction period to confirm compliance with applicable regulations. In addition, the removal of pilings and/or in-water structures will comply with DNR and US Environmental Protection Agency appropriate guidelines and procedures.

Bulkhead repairs will be necessary so that dredging can be accomplished near the uplands where contamination is highest, without undermining the integrity of the existing aged timber bulkhead. The existing marine railway system and adjacent docks will need to be temporarily removed to allow for unimpeded dredging. These physical preparations for dredging have the additional benefit of removing a significant amount of creosote-treated wood from the aquatic environment, which is a likely source of some of the cPAH contamination identified at the Site.

The existing bulkhead that separates the uplands from the marine portion of the Site is in poor condition and is exhibiting areas of localized failure. Additionally, design and as-built records of its construction are not available to provide a basis for engineering analysis of its stability under current or modified loading conditions. Based on visual inspection, the bulkhead would not be stable under dredging conditions if sediment is removed from near the toe of the bulkhead. As a result, either extensive shoring would be required to support the bulkhead during dredging, or the bulkhead would require replacement. Based on similarity in cost, it is assumed that the bulkhead would be replaced with a steel sheetpile bulkhead placed immediately in front of the existing bulkhead to allow for sediment dredging. The current condition of the bulkhead is allowing contaminated upland soil to erode from the bulkhead face and discharge to marine sediment. As a result of eliminating this erosion, the bulkhead replacement/reinforcement would also provide source control for the soil-to-

sediment migration pathway. Replacement of the bulkhead would partially achieve RAO-2, RAO-3, and RAO-4.

After the marine railway system is removed and the bulkhead replaced, dredging of contaminated sediment would be conducted throughout SMA-1. This alternative assumes that mechanical dredging would be conducted throughout SMA-1 using a clamshell or environmental bucket or using a fixed-arm excavator operated over water from a barge and/or from the upland's shoreline. In a small portion of SMA-1 (east of the Upland Cleanup Unit), suction dredging using vacuum-excavation equipment operated from the uplands would be used to remove the thin veneer of contaminated intertidal sediment overlying the shoreline protection material in this area. Removing contaminated sediment from SMA-1 would achieve RAO-3, and partially achieve RAO-4.

### 4.2.1 Former Tide Grid

A secondary source of contamination from historical boatyard operations was associated with a former tide grid that was removed from service in 1992. Because the cleanup standards for PBTs in sediment are evaluated using area-weighted average concentrations, the cleanup may include additional dredging in the area of the former tide grid to further attain cleanup standards. The need for potential dredging will be established based on the results of the PRDI. The former tide grid is currently considered within SMA-2.

The tide grid was constructed between 1963 and 1965 and was used for hull scraping and other minor boat maintenance activities. The grid design allowed small boats to float onto the grid at high tide. At low tide, the boats rested on the grid allowing short-term boat maintenance to be performed.

The tide grid was replaced in 1988 and closed in 1992 in response to evolving water quality regulations. During the operation of the tide grid, releases of paint chips and dusts and potential spills or releases of other materials during boat maintenance may have occurred. Any such releases would have terminated in 1992 with the closure of the grid. The original grid structure was constructed with creosoted pilings. Leaching of creosote or abrasion of creosoted wood from the grid may have occurred prior to the grid's reconstruction. Creosoted wood was not used for construction of the replacement grid in 1988. During further investigations to be conducted as part of the design effort, additional sediment quality data will be collected in the area of the former tide grid to confirm the need for dredging or other appropriate cleanup action, if required.

### 4.2.2 Offsite Disposal of Dredged Sediment

It is assumed that dredged sediment would be dewatered on a small barge and the decanted water drained into the harbor. Appropriate procedures for management of decant water will be further established with the final remedial design. Final disposition of the dredged sediments will also be determined during the remedial design phase. It is not anticipated that the material would be

considered for open-water disposal, but instead would likely be transported off Site for disposal at an upland regulatory facility.

During the remedial design process, additional sampling will be conducted in sediments around SMA-1 to update the planned dredged prism from the conceptual design presented on Figure 7. Figure 10 presents the planned dredged footprint as presented in the RI/FS report, and additionally predicts the potential expansion of the dredged area, if required, based on the results of the PRDI.

Based on anticipated slight expansions of the planned dredging footprint after completion of the PRDI, and the additional inclusion of sediment from the former tide grid area, the total quantity of contaminated sediment to be removed from the Site is likely to increase from the approximate 2,400 tons estimated during the RI/FS.

### 4.3 Hazardous Substances to Remain-In-Place

The extent of contamination was determined during the RI based on conservative interpretations of boring logs and Site analytical data. Based on the estimated areal extent and thickness of impacted soil, the cleanup will remove contaminated soil in the areas determined to be most impacted during the RI. Some underlying contamination will remain-in-place, to be contained by the clean surface soil cap, and restricted from lateral migration by improvements to the bulkheads. In the Sediment Cleanup Unit, the dredging is anticipated to meet cleanup standards following completion of the cleanup action.

### 4.4 Cleanup Action Implementation and Restoration Timeframe

The cleanup action described herein will be implemented by the Port, based on this CAP. Implementation will include remedial design, permitting, preparation of plans and specifications, construction (potentially in two phases), and post-construction monitoring and maintenance.

The remedial design activities will be initiated in late summer 2022 with the intent to facilitate engineering and design activities in late 2022 and 2023. Construction is anticipated in late 2023 through early 2024, based in part on permitting for the final design. Based on the estimated restoration timeframe and project schedule, it is estimated the Site will achieve compliance with cleanup standards following dredging in SMA-1. The engineering and design phase will include conducting the PRDI to collect the additional data required to prepare the engineering design report and detailed construction plans and specifications. The project permitting process will be initiated following development of the engineering design report.

It is anticipated that temporary removal of the marine railway system and adjacent docks and installation of the new bulkhead at the shoreline would be sequenced to occur in advance of the other cleanup activities. It is assumed that afterward, the remaining components of the cleanup could then

be implemented concurrently or independently. Cleanup sequencing may be necessary to minimize disturbance to continued tenant operations.

### 4.5 **Compliance Monitoring**

MTCA and SMS require compliance monitoring for all cleanup actions, as described in WAC 173-340-410, and periodic reviews under WAC 173-340-420 to ensure the long-term integrity of the cleanup action. Long-term monitoring and maintenance will also be necessary to ensure the integrity of the Site cleanup after construction is complete. Both the monitoring and maintenance functions will be prescribed in a CMP, which will be developed during the remedial design process in coordination with and under the review of Ecology.

Compliance monitoring will include protection monitoring, performance monitoring, and confirmation monitoring. Protection monitoring is concerned with human and environmental impacts and will address topics such as safety requirements during construction. Performance monitoring will be conducted to demonstrate that the constructed remedy meets cleanup standards and will include the collection and analysis of samples to confirm soil quality at the final depth of excavation, and sediment quality at the newly-created sediment surface.

Confirmation monitoring will address the long-term effectiveness of the remedy in meeting cleanup standards. Specific procedures, analytical parameters, and sampling locations and frequency for the confirmation monitoring will be presented in the CMP. Similarly, the scope and timing of the inspection program, the institutional control provisions, and other aspects of long-term operations and maintenance monitoring will be established in the CMP.

Compliance monitoring would be conducted after dredging to confirm post-construction sediment quality. This would include collecting surface sediment samples throughout SMA-1 and the adjacent areas immediately outside the SMA-1 footprint (to evaluate recontamination potential), analyzing the sediment for IHSs, and comparing the results to the cleanup standards established for protection of benthic organisms at the Site. Bathymetric surveys would also be conducted both pre-and post-construction to confirm dredging volumes, that dredging design depths and lateral limits were achieved, and that the dredging residuals layer was properly placed (if applicable).

It is common for sediment resuspension during the dredging process to result in a thin veneer of contaminated sediment residuals that settles on the clean dredge surface. If compliance monitoring indicates that a residuals layer has formed on the dredge surface, a thin layer of clean soil/sediment would be placed across the newly exposed sediment surface after dredging to address this veneer of dredging residuals. It is anticipated that confirmation monitoring will include the collection of surface sediment samples throughout the sediment Site boundary for cPAH and PCB congener analysis.

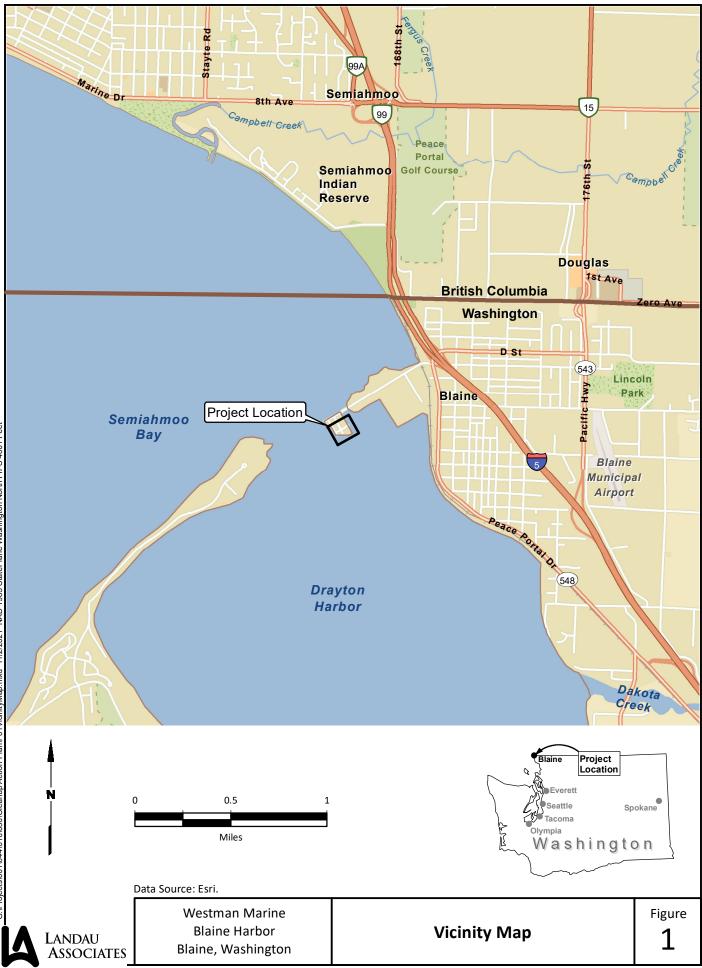
### 4.6 Compatibility with Future Site Use and Institutional Controls

Implementation of the cleanup action will be coordinated with the long-term operations for the Site. Specific land-use plans for the Site and vicinity are currently being developed by the Port. The Port intends future Site use to be the same or similar to current Site use. Site use could involve the construction of a new marine fueling facility, development as part of a commercial boatyard, expansion of fish processing operations, or other marine-based commercial or light industrial activities. Regardless of its specific use, the use will remain consistent with current zoning and the existing master plan. The Port has no current plan for redevelopment or re-purposing the Site because of the continued need for a boatyard to support Blaine Harbor. The aquatic portion of the Site will remain in commercial and recreational maritime use, which will require maintaining, and possibly deepening channel depth to accommodate vessel drafts.

Institutional controls are included as a component of the remedy to ensure long-term protectiveness. As noted in WAC 173-340-440(4), institutional controls are required where contamination is left-inplace. These controls limit or prohibit activities that may interfere with or impair the integrity of a cleanup action, maintenance or monitoring, or any other activities necessary to maintain the remedy's protection of human and environmental health. Institutional controls will include an environmental covenant (MTCA refers to this legal instrument as a "restrictive covenant") to be filed with Whatcom County, to ensure the necessary restrictions are implemented and the integrity of the remedies is maintained. No aquatic use restrictions for state-owned lands that are part of the Site are anticipated.

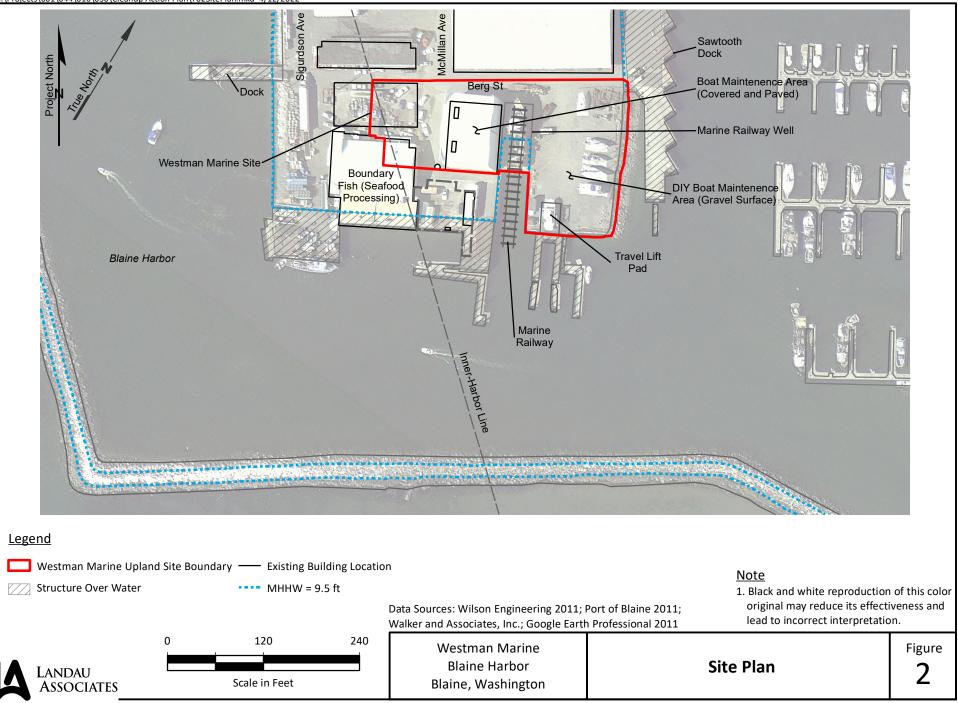
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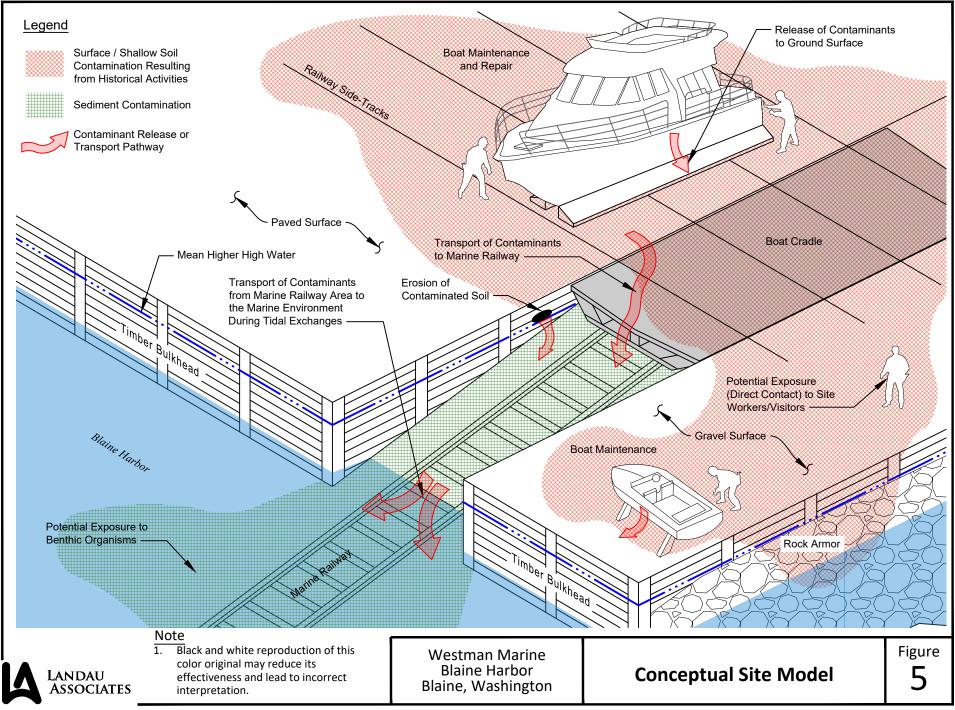


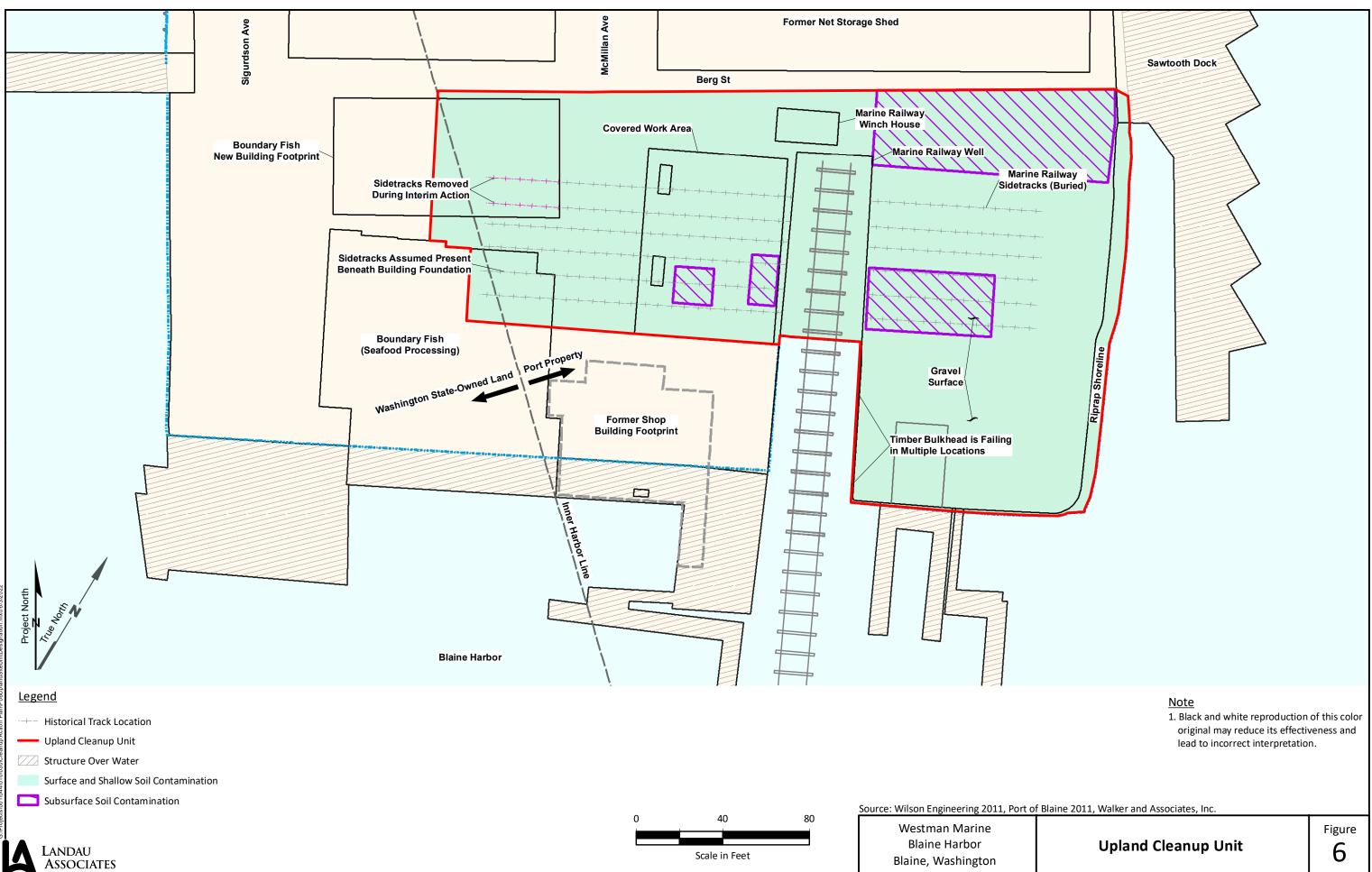
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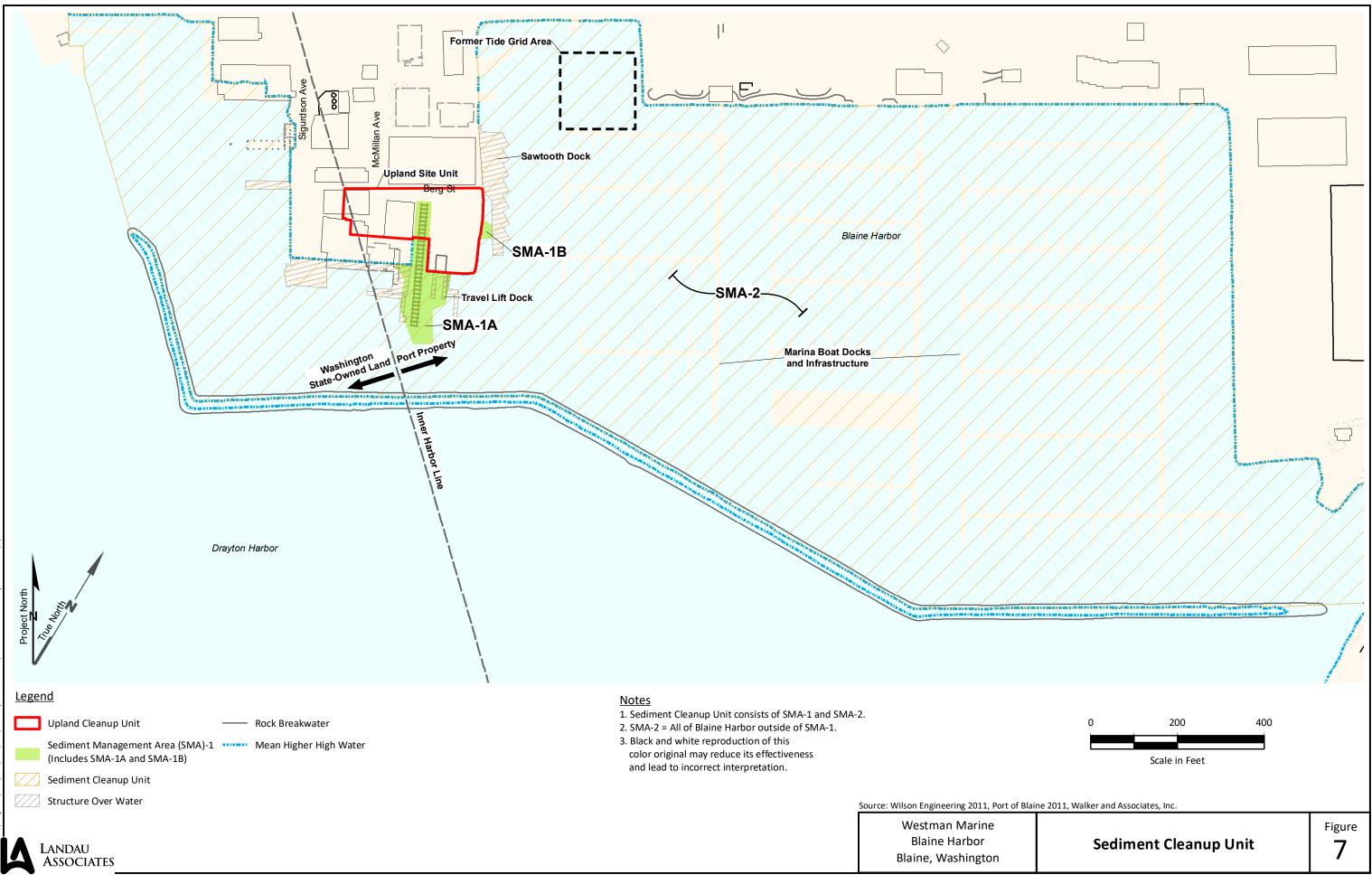
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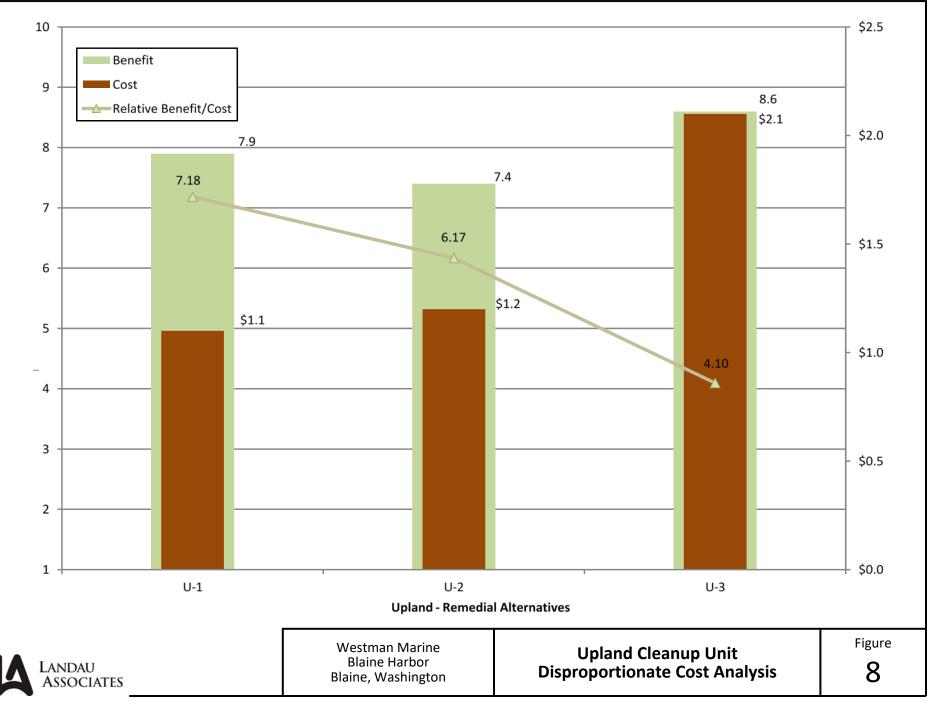


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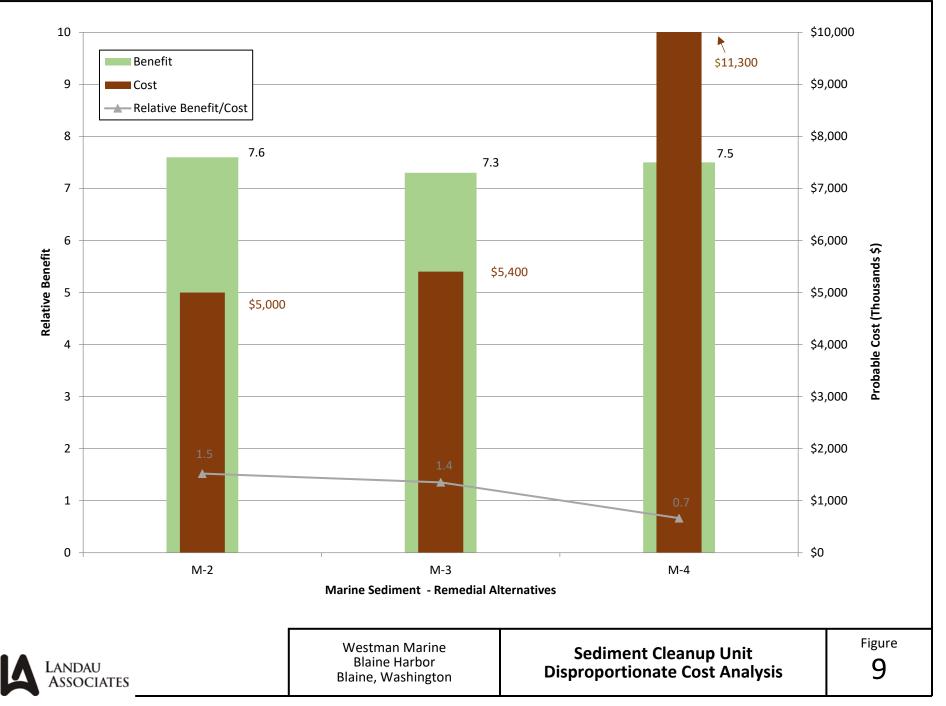


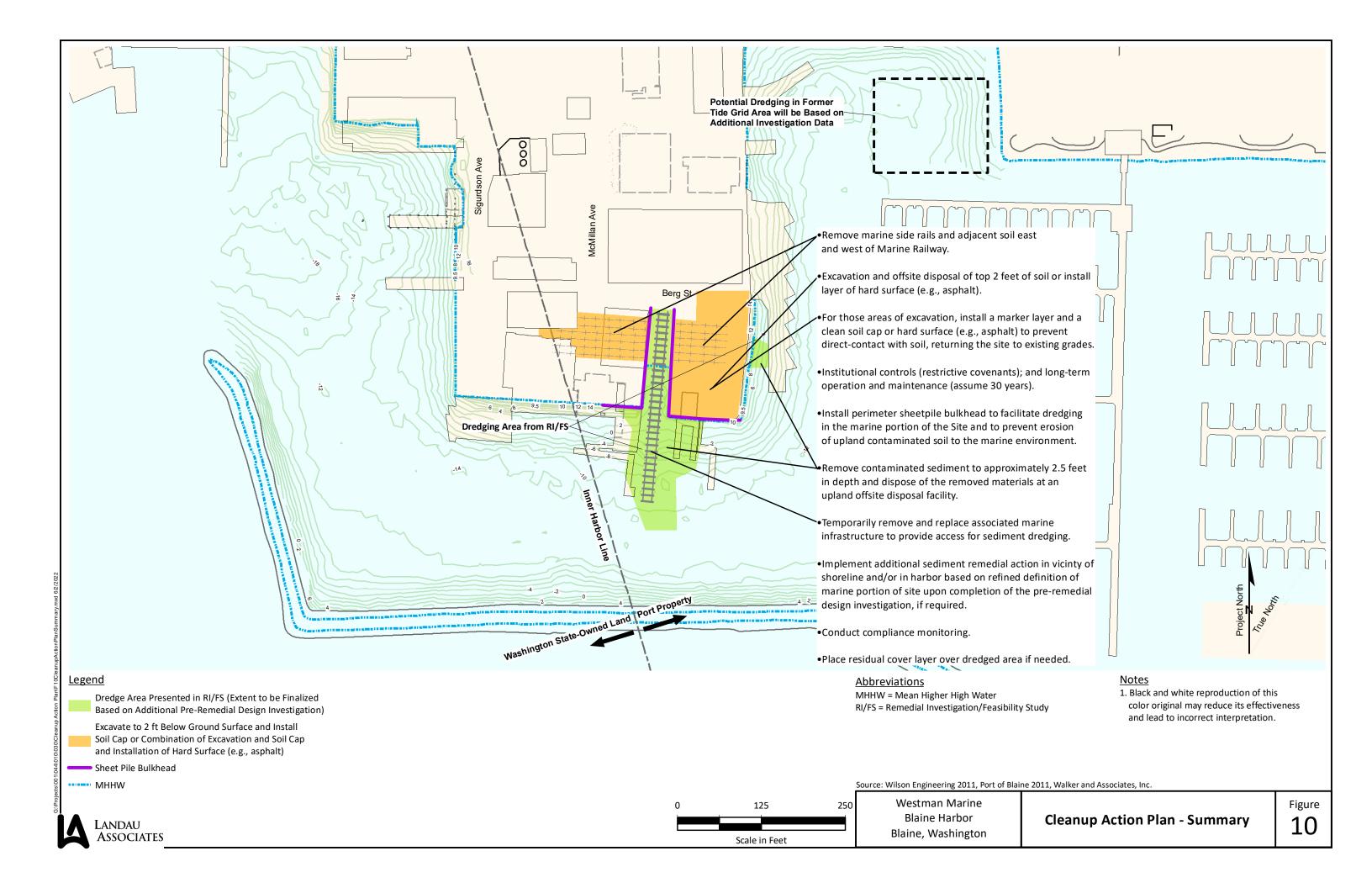






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### Table 1 Cleanup Levels for Affected Media Westman Marine Site Blaine, Washington

Indicator Hazardous Substance	Soil Cleanup Level (a	)	Marine Sediment Cleanup Le	evel (b, c)
Arsenic	20	mg/kg	11	mg/kg
Cadmium			5.1	mg/kg
Copper	3,200	mg/kg	390	mg/kg
Lead			21	mg/kg
Mercury	2	mg/kg	0.41	mg/kg
Zinc			410	mg/kg
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (Dioxin-Like Congeners; TEQ)			0.7 (d)	ηg/kg
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (Total Aroclors)	160	µg/kg		
Carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (TEQ)	140	µg/kg	490 (e)	µg/kg
Tributyltin			167 (f)	µg/kg

#### Notes:

-- = Not applicable because constituent is not an Indicator Hazardous Substance for the medium.

(a) Cleanup level based on lowest soil criteria corrected for practical quantitation limit (PQL) and background.

(b) Cleanup level based on Sediment Management Standards (SMS; Chapter 173-204 WAC) and evaluation of risk-based criteria for chemicals considered persistent, bioaccumulative toxins. Cleanup levels address protection of human health and higher trophic-level species. Revised cleanup levels differ in some instances from those originally proposed in the RI/FS.

(c) Dry weight basis.

(d) Based on the PQL presented in Ecology's Sediment Cleanup User's Manual (Ecology 2021).

(e) Sediment cleanup level reflects early life stage risk-based calculations (Appendix A).

(f) Sediment cleanup level for bulk tributyltin based on Site-specific correlation established between porewater and bulk concentrations.

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

µg/kg = micrograms per kilogram

mg/kg = milligrams per kilogram

ηg/kg - nanograms per kilogram

PQL = practical quantitation limit

RI/FS = remedial investigation/feasibility study

TEQ = toxicity equivalence

WAC = Washington Administrative Code

APPENDIX A

**Development of Sediment Risk-Based Cleanup Levels** 

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ADAF	age-dependent adjustment factor
BAF	bioaccumulation factor
BSAF	biota-sediment accumulation factor
CAP	cleanup action plan
CL	cleanup level
CLARC Ecology'	s Cleanup Levels and Risk Calculations database
CPFo	oral cancer potency factor
CR	cancer risk
CSL	cleanup screening level
cPAH	carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
CPF	cancer potency factor
DMMP	Dredged Material Management Program
Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
ELCR	excess lifetime cancer risk
ELS	early life stage
ЕРА	US Environmental Protection Agency
FS	feasibility study
g/day	grams per day
HQ	hazard quotient
IHS	indicator hazardous substance
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometers
μg/kg	micrograms per kilogram
μg/L	micrograms per liter
mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram
ηg/kg	nanograms per kilogram
РВТ	persistent bioaccumulative toxin
РСВ	polychlorinated biphenyl
PQL	practical quantitation limit
RBC	risk-based concentration
RfD	reference dose
RfDo	oral reference dose
RI	remedial investigation
SCO	sediment cleanup objective
SCUM	Sediment Cleanup User's Manual
	Westman Marine Site
SL	screening level
SMS	Sediment Management Standards

### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (CONTINUED)

SUF	site use factor
твт	tributyltin
TCDD	tetrachlorodibenzodioxin
TEF	toxicity equivalency factor
TEQ	toxicity equivalence
USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This document was prepared to accompany the Final Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) for the Westman Marine Site (Site) to present updated cleanup levels (CLs) for contaminated marine sediments. The CAP was prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) in cooperation with the Port of Bellingham. The CAP presents a summary of the Site and Ecology's requirements for implementing the cleanup action in compliance with the Model Toxics Control Act, the Washington State Sediment Management Standards (SMS), and the Sediment Cleanup User's Manual (SCUM).

During the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS; Landau 2020), screening levels (SLs) were developed for various media to interpret the investigation data, and to determine where cleanup actions are necessary for the Site. Contamination detected during the RI in concentrations in excess of the SLs are established as indicator hazardous substances (IHSs). A subset (seven) of the IHSs in sediment are also considered persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs) and require special considerations for developing SLs and CLs to address the risk to human health and higher trophic-level species. These PBTs include:

- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs)
- Tributyltin (TBT)
- Metals (arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury).

This document provides a summary of the recalculated, updated values to support selection of final CLs for the CAP. Section 2 provides the basis and approach for developing sediment CLs, and Section 3 provides a summary of the selection of CLs for the Site.

### 2.0 DEVELOPING SEDIMENT CLEANUP LEVELS

The SMS have a two-tiered approach to setting sediment CLs for PBTs, described further in Ecology's SCUM (Ecology 2019b) guidance. This involves the development of a range of values relevant to establishing Site CLs, and selection of a single value from within the appropriate range. The range of values is bracketed by the sediment cleanup objective (SCO) at the lower end, and the cleanup screening level (CSL) at the upper end.

The **SCO** is established as the **highest** concentration from among the following three values:

- 1) Natural background concentrations,
- 2) The laboratory practical quantitation limit (PQL), or
- 3) Risk-based concentrations (RBCs) protective of the benthic organism community, upper trophic-level species, and human health using a risk tolerance of 1x10<sup>-6</sup>

The **CSL** is established as the **highest** concentration from among the following three values:

- 1) *Regional* background concentration,
- 2) The PQL, or
- 3) RBCs protective of the benthic organism community, upper trophic-level species, and human health using a risk tolerance of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ .

### 2.1 Background Concentrations and Practical Quantitation Limits

As listed above, the SCO and CSL values can consist of natural background, regional background, laboratory PQL, or calculated RBCs. This section summarizes considerations for using background or PQL concentrations. Section 2.2 provides additional considerations for developing RBCs.

In general terms, natural background concentrations are what is found in areas uninfluenced by localized human activities; regional background concentrations represent localized geographical background values (typically greater in concentration than natural background), and the PQL is effectively the lowest value that can reliably be quantified using the appropriately approved laboratory techniques.

*Natural background* is defined in the SMS rule [Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-204-505(11)]:

Natural background means the concentration of a hazardous substance consistently present in the environment that has not been influenced by localized human activities. For example, several metals and radionuclides naturally occur in the bedrock, sediment, and soil of Washington state due solely to the geologic processes that formed these materials, and the concentration of these hazardous substances would be considered natural background. Also, low concentrations of some particularly persistent organic compounds such as PCBs can be found in surficial soils and sediment throughout much of the state due to global distribution of these hazardous substances. These low concentrations would be considered natural background. Similarly, concentrations of various radionuclides that are present at low concentrations throughout the state due to global distribution of fallout from bomb testing and nuclear accidents would be considered natural background.

*Regional background* is defined in the SMS rule in WAC 173-204-505(16):

Regional background means the concentration of a contaminant within a department-defined geographic area that is primarily attributable to diffuse sources, such as atmospheric deposition or stormwater, not attributable to a specific source or release.

The **PQL** is generally defined as the lowest concentration that can be reliably measured within specified limits of precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability during routine laboratory operating conditions, using Ecology-approved methods. It is not considered practicable to accurately quantify concentrations in sediment below this level, and this typically represents the lowest and most-conservative value that can be established as a CL.

The SCUM guidance presents calculated Puget Sound natural background values using the BoldPlus dataset for arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, PCBs, and cPAHs (Ecology 2019b). Regional background concentrations are not available for the Site's vicinity. Natural background and PQL concentrations are provided in Table A-1.

### 2.2 Benthic Criteria

The SCUM guidance provides SCO and CSL values for protection of benthic species for the PBT metals under consideration. Although no promulgated SMS values are available for TBT, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) evaluation criteria for open water disposal identifies a "no effects" TBT marine sediment porewater criterion of 0.05 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) and a "potential adverse effects" marine sediment porewater criterion of 0.15  $\mu$ g/L for open water disposal of dredged material. These DMMP criteria provide a reasonable basis for assessing the potential effects of TBT on marine biota.

Because significantly more bulk sediment TBT data are available than porewater TBT data, a correlation between bulk sediment and porewater TBT concentrations was developed in the RI to allow for a more comprehensive evaluation of the extent of TBT contamination based on bulk sediment TBT data. A linear regression analysis was performed for co-located porewater and bulk sediment TBT data. A strong correlation with an R<sup>2</sup> of 0.94 was obtained for the 15 available data points. Based on this linear regression, the Site-specific bulk sediment TBT SCO and CSL criteria protective of benthic organisms are 238 micrograms per kilogram ( $\mu$ g/kg) and 738  $\mu$ g/kg, respectively. These values were developed with the review and concurrence of Ecology during the RI.

### 2.3 Risk-Based Concentrations

The RBCs for metals, PCBs, TBT, and cPAHs were developed to be protective of human health and higher-trophic level species based on the following considerations:

- Site exposure pathways
- Site exposure scenarios
- Acceptable health risk.

The following sections described parameter values used in the development of RBCs.

### 2.3.1 Exposure Pathways

Potential exposure pathways include consumption of seafood species impacted by Site contaminants through food-chain effects, and absorption through the skin or incidental ingestion of sediment during beach activities.

Although fishing within the harbor is not likely a common occurrence, some seafood species may include Blaine Harbor as a part of their home range, but then are caught outside of the harbor. As a result, human consumption of seafood is considered a reasonable exposure pathway and is considered further below.

The Site does not provide access for clamming, and since clams are relatively immobile, it is not expected that clams caught outside of the harbor would have been exposed to contaminants at the Site.

Beach play is not documented to occur at the Site and was not considered during the RI/FS. However, a boat ramp exists on the northeast side of Blaine Harbor, where both adults and children could potentially be exposed to sediment via direct contact and/or incidental ingestion during beach play. This updated assessment evaluates the potential exposure pathway as a conservatively protective approach and incorporates this activity as a reasonable exposure pathway for further consideration. As a result of this updated evaluation, the CLs identified in the CAP differ in some instances from those presented in the RI/FS report (Landau 2020).

### 2.3.2 Exposure Scenarios

Exposure scenarios include identifying the most highly exposed population and the appropriate parameters that describe their exposure. For the Site, the tribal subsistence fishing population was used as the most conservative assumption scenario, which is considered to occur through seafood consumption. Based on the exposure pathways described above, seafood consumption includes finfish (pelagic, benthic/demersal fish, and salmon) and crustaceans at 112 grams per day (g/day) and 81.9 g/day, respectively. These consumption rates are based on seafood consumption by adult members of the Tulalip Tribes (95<sup>th</sup> percentile) as provided in the Fish Consumption Rates Technical

Support Document (Ecology 2013). The average body weight of Tulalip tribal adults is 81.8 kg<sup>1</sup> (Toy et al. 1996). Ecology default values were used for the remaining exposure pathway scenario parameters. These parameters are provided in Tables A-2, A-4, and A-5.

The direct contact and incidental ingestion exposure pathways were evaluated through the beach play scenario in the intertidal area of the Site. RBCs protective of the direct contact and incidental ingestion scenarios were calculated for Site PBTs using Ecology's default equations (Ecology 2019b) and the parameters provided in Tables A-3 and A-4.

## 2.3.3 Acceptable Health Risk

Acceptable health risk due to potential exposure to individual PBTs is based on a number of Site- or chemical-specific factors, described below. These factors include the following:

## 2.3.3.1 Cancer Risk and/or Hazard Quotient

For carcinogens, the acceptable cancer risk (CR) is a unitless value that represents the risk that a contaminant concentration will result in cancer developing in a population for a specific exposure scenario. For both non-carcinogens and carcinogens (which may have a threshold toxicity in addition to their potential to cause cancer), the hazard quotient (HQ) is a unitless value that represents the threshold at which toxic effects will occur in a population.

Carcinogenic substance risks are calculated based on the likelihood of developing cancer, based on an exposure duration of 70 years, averaged over a 75-year lifetime. For individual carcinogenic substances, RBCs were developed for a CR within the range of 1 in 1 million (1x10<sup>-6</sup>, the lower bound) to 1 in 100,000 (1x10<sup>-5</sup>, the upper bound). The RBC-based SCOs for PBTs were developed for individual carcinogens using the lower-bound CR value (1x10<sup>-6</sup>), and the upper-bound CR value (1x10<sup>-5</sup>) was used to develop the RBC-based CSL.

## 2.3.3.2 Cancer Potency Factor and/or Reference Dose

Cancer potency is quantified with the oral cancer potency factor (CPFo), representing an upperconfidence limit on the increased CR over a lifetime of exposure. CPFo values for each Site PBT were taken from Ecology's Cleanup Levels and Risk Calculations (CLARC) database (Ecology 2020) and are provided in Table A-4.

Non-carcinogenic substance risks were calculated based on the concept of an HQ. Non-carcinogenic contaminants must reach a threshold concentration, known as the oral reference dose (RfDo), to have adverse health effects. The HQ is the ratio of a substance over a specified exposure period to the RfDo for that substance over the same exposure period. An HQ of 1 would indicate that the threshold for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tulalip male average of 86 kilograms (kg; n=42); Tulalip female average of 76 kg (n=31).

adverse health effects has been reached; therefore, any ratio less than 1 would indicate that no deleterious effects would be expected.

Carcinogenic substances may also have a threshold toxicity in addition to causing cancer, and non-carcinogenic risks were also calculated for carcinogenic substances. CPFo and RfDo values for each contaminant, as applicable, were taken from Ecology's CLARC database (Ecology 2020).

## 2.3.3.3 Site Use Factor

An organism may spend only part of its life in the vicinity of contaminated sediment at a site. The site use factor (SUF) is meant to quantify the amount of time that an organism is potentially exposed to contaminated sediment. The marine portion of the Site, for the purposes of developing PBT SCO and CSL values, is conservatively assumed to be the entirety of Blaine Harbor (about 0.2 square kilometers [km<sup>2</sup>]) for calculation of the SUF. Based on an assumed home range of 10 km<sup>2</sup> for finfish, the SUF was set to 0.02 or 2 percent. A smaller home range for mobile crustaceans (i.e., 2 km<sup>2</sup>) is assumed to reflect the population that would spend any quantity of time in the vicinity of the marine portion of the Site, given the Site's access limitations. Therefore, the SUF for crustaceans was set at 0.1 or 10 percent.

## 2.3.3.4 Biota-Sediment Accumulation Factor

The PBTs considered in this evaluation bioaccumulate at variable rates. The bioaccumulation of contamination in organisms affected by marine sediment can be quantified as either a biota-sediment accumulation factor (BSAF) for non-polar organic contaminants or a bioaccumulation factor (BAF) for polar or metal contaminants. The BSAF is the lipid-normalized contaminant concentration in tissue divided by the organic carbon–normalized concentration in sediment. The BSAF is used for contaminants with generally high octanol/water partition coefficients (K<sub>ow</sub>), which are hydrophobic and are preferentially distributed to lipids in organisms.

BSAF values for finfish were obtained from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Research and Development BSAF database (EPA; accessed July 2020) and the USACE Environmental Research Development Center BSAF database (USACE; accessed July 2020). Mean BSAF values were calculated from listed BSAF values from whole body tissue samples, for the types of finfish species represented in each calculation. Finfish species used were the brown bullhead catfish (*Ictalurus nebulosus*), channel catfish (*I. punctatus*), common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), and white sucker (*Catostomus commersoni*). BSAF values were screened for potential outliers with the ProUCL (EPA 2016) program and outliers were removed.

BSAF data for Pacific crab species native to the Blaine Harbor were not available from the EPA and USACE databases. BSAF values were available for other crustacean species, including crayfish and fiddler crabs; however, due to potential data quality issues and limited available data, these BSAF values were not applied to calculations for the Site. Crustacean species, like bottomfish, have enzymes

that are capable of metabolizing polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs); however, the metabolism rate of crustaceans is less efficient than bottomfish (Stegeman and Lech 1991). Therefore, a safety factor of 5 was applied to the bottomfish BSAF to account for uncertainty in generating corresponding crab BSAF values for the Site (Ecology 2019a).

Only one BSAF value for TBT was identified from a review of the EPA and USACE databases for finfish and crustaceans. Therefore, BSAF values for mollusks were used to calculate a very conservative mean BSAF. Mollusks do not metabolize TBT well, and coupled with their high intake of sediment-based contaminants, they are the most sensitive organism to TBT concentrations in sediment (Lee 1996). The mean BSAF value for TBT in mollusks [10.0 grams tissue (lipid-normalized)/grams sediment (organic carbon-normalized)] was calculated from 16 values. One outlier was identified with the ProUCL software and removed.

BSAF values are provided in Table A-5.

## 2.3.3.5 Bioaccumulation Factor

The BAF is the concentration of contaminants in an organism divided by the concentration of contaminants in sediment. The BAF is used for polar contaminants and for metals where the BSAF is not appropriate. Since tissue samples were not collected at the Site, BAF values were established based on information from other sites in Puget Sound. Average arsenic, mercury, and cadmium BAF values for finfish and crustaceans were used from the report Preliminary Sediment Cleanup Objectives for Port Angeles Harbor, an investigation conducted by Newfields on behalf of Ecology (NewFields 2013); no BAF value was available for lead. BAF values are presented in Table A-5.

## 2.3.3.6 Fish/Shellfish Lipid Fraction

Lipid content in organisms is quantified with the fish/shellfish lipid fraction (SL<sub>f</sub>). For calculations herein, the SL<sub>f</sub> was assumed to be 0.03 based on the Ecology default value of 0.03 for both finfish and crustaceans (Ecology 2019b).

## 2.3.3.7 Fraction of Organic Carbon in Sediment

The bioavailability of contaminants in sediment can also be affected by the fraction of organic carbon in sediment (Sf<sub>oc</sub>). For Site RBC calculations, the mean organic fraction (0.0156) for surface sediment at the Site was used.

## 2.3.4 Calculating Risk-Based Concentrations

The following paragraphs describe the development of RBCs for arsenic, cadmium, mercury, and TBT. An RBC was not developed for lead, as described below. Some PBTs, including mercury and TBT, pose a greater risk to higher trophic-level organisms than to humans. The second half of Ecology's default equation to identify a sediment RBC for higher trophic-level organisms is:

$$RBC = \left(\frac{1}{SUF \times BAF}\right)$$

For both mercury and TBT, the human health RBC was lower than the RBC for protection of higher trophic-level organisms, and the human health RBC was used as the more conservative value.

### 2.3.4.1 Standard Seafood Consumption Risk-Based Concentrations

Standard seafood consumption RBCs for arsenic, cadmium, mercury, and TBT as non-carcinogens were developed using the parameters discussed in Section 2.3 and Table A-2, along with Ecology's default equation:

$$RBC_{Noncancer} = \left\{ \left( \frac{(HQ \times BW \times AT_{nc} \times RfDo)}{(FCR \times FDF \times EF \times ED)} \right) \times \left( \frac{S_{foc}}{SUF \times BAF} \right) \right\}$$

### 2.3.4.2 Standard Beach Play Risk-Based Concentrations

Standard carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic RBCs for the sediment ingestion/dermal contact exposure (i.e., beach play) pathway were calculated for TBT and metals using the parameters discussed in Section 2.3 and Table A-3, along with Ecology's default equations:

$$RBC_{cancer} = \frac{ACR \times BW \times AT_{cr}}{EF \times ED \times [(IR \times AB \times CPF_o) + (SA \times AF \times ABS \times CPF_d)]}$$

$$RBC_{Noncancer} = \frac{HQ \times BW \times AT_{nc}}{EF \times ED \times \left[ \left( \frac{1}{RfD_o} \times IR \times AB \right) + \left( \frac{1}{RfD_d} \times SA \times AF \times ABS \right) \right]}$$

A CPFo value was available for arsenic only through Ecology's CLARC database, so this was the only parameter for which the carcinogenic beach play equation was used.

The non-carcinogenic beach play equation was used for arsenic, cadmium, mercury, and TBT. An RfDo value for mercury was not available through Ecology's CLARC database; therefore, the RfDo for methylmercury, which is a more toxic form of mercury based on effects via oral ingestion, was used as a conservative approach. Neither EPA nor Ecology has published a CPFo or RfDo for lead; therefore, beach play RBCs were not calculated for lead.

## 2.3.5 Calculating RBCs for TEQ Factor-Modified PBTs

Each individual cPAH and PCB congener present at the Site varies in extent, cancer potency, and rate of bioaccumulation in aquatic organisms. To derive a single carcinogenic-human health RBC for these groups of compounds based on the individual potencies, uptake rates, and toxicity equivalency factors (TEFs), Ecology's default RBC seafood consumption equation (Ecology 2019b) was rearranged

following the method described below. From this arrangement, Site-specific total excess lifetime cancer risks (ELCRs) through seafood consumption (both crustacean and finfish) for dioxin-like congeners PCB as a group (ELCR<sub>PCB TEQ</sub>) and cPAHs as a group (ELCR<sub>cPAH TEQ</sub>) were calculated. These Site-specific ELCRs, along with the target ELCR (1x10<sup>-6</sup>), were used to generate a Site-specific dioxin-like PCB congener toxicity equivalence (TEQ) RBC and a standard Site-specific cPAH TEQ RBC, protective of human health.

In addition to generating the standard Site-specific dioxin-like PCB congeners and cPAH TEQ RBC for the Site, preliminary early life stage (ELS)-based RBCs were also generated for comparison to the standard RBCs to factor in the mutagenic effects (EPA 2005). EPA's guidance addresses mutagenicity by applying age-dependent adjustment factors (ADAFs) to modify the total dosage for each specific ELS age group. These ADAFs and corresponding exposure durations are presented in the table below.

Age Group	Age-Dependent Adjustment Factor (ADAF; unitless)	Exposure Duration (years)
< 2 years	10	2
2 to <6 years	3	4
6 to <16 years	3	10
16 to 70 years	1	54

Early Life Stage Age-Dependent Adjustment Factors and Exposure Duration	าร

Source: EPA 2005.

To calculate the standard and ELS-based RBCs, first the expected tissue concentration ( $C_{a,k}$ ) of a<sup>th</sup> individual dioxin-like PCB congener or cPAH in k<sup>th</sup> seafood type (finfish and crustaceans) was calculated using Equation 1, shown below.

**Equation 1:**  $C_{a,k} = SL_k \times BSAF_{a,k} \times CsedOC_a$ 

By multiplying the fish/shellfish lipid fraction (Ecology default 0.03) by the uptake factor (BSAF for  $a^{th}$  individual constituent in each  $k^{th}$  seafood type), and by the average Site concentration of each constituent (carbon-normalized;  $CsedOC_a$ ), the expected tissue concentration for each constituent was calculated.

Using the expected finfish and crustacean tissue concentrations of dioxin-like PCB congeners or cPAHs  $(C_{a,k})$ , the total chronic daily intake  $(CDI_a)$  of a<sup>th</sup> individual cPAH in the summed k<sup>th</sup> seafood types was calculated using Equation 2, shown below.

Equation 2:  $CDI_a = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left( \frac{C_{a,k} \times FCR_k \times EF \times ED \times FDF_k \times SUF}{AT_{cr} \times BW \times UCF} \right)$ 

The parameters used in Equation 2 were set to the Ecology defaults, as shown in Table A-2.

Using the potential total daily uptake of each constituent through seafood consumption, the total excess lifetime cancer risk (*ELCR<sub>a</sub>*) for each dioxin-like PCB congener or cPAH compound was calculated using Equation 3, shown below. Oral cancer potency factors (*CPFo<sub>a</sub>*) for cPAHs were obtained from the CLARC database (Ecology 2020) and are based on the TEF that is a relative measure of benzo(a)pyrene, the most potent cPAH [CPFo<sub>benzo(a)pyrene</sub> = 1.0 (milligrams per kilogram [mg/kg]-d)-1]. Oral cancer potency factors (*CPFo<sub>a</sub>*) for dioxin-like PCB congeners were obtained from the SCUM guidance (Ecology 2019b) and are based on the toxicity equivalency factor (TEF<sub>a</sub>) that is a relative measure of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzodioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD), the most potent dioxin congener [CPFo<sub>2,3,7,8-TCDD</sub> = 130,000 (mg/kg-d)<sup>-1</sup>]. CPFo data are shown in Table A-4.

Equation 3:  $ELCR_a = CPFo_a \times CDI_a$ 

For the ELS-based RBC calculations, Equation 3 was adapted to reflect application of EPA's ADAF across the age ranges, including the additional recommended adjustments upward in risk to account for the potential greater susceptibility of children from 0 to 2 and from 2 to 6 years of age compared to older children/teens and adults. The ELS-based ELCR<sub>a</sub> was calculated using Equation 3.1, shown below.

## Equation 3.1:

$$\begin{split} ELCR_{a(0-70)} &= CPFo_a \\ & \times \left( \left[ CDI_{a(0-2)} \times \frac{2}{6} \times 10 \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \left[ CDI_{a(2-6)} \times \frac{4}{6} \times 3 \right] \times \left[ CDI_{a(6-16)} \times 3 \right] \times \left[ CDI_{a(16-70)} \times 1 \right] \right) \end{split}$$

The standard and ELS-based Site-specific total ELCR for dioxin-like PCB congeners and cPAHs (ELCR<sub>PCB</sub>  $_{TEQ}$  and ELCR<sub>cPAH TEQ</sub>) were calculated by summing together their corresponding  $a^{th}$  individual congener or cPAH ELCR<sub>a</sub>, to the  $g^{th}$  number of cPAHs, using Equation 4, shown below.

Equation 4:  $ELCR_{cPAH TEQ} = \sum_{a=1}^{g} ELCR_{a}$ 

The standard and ELS-based RBCs for dioxin-like PCB congeners and cPAHs in sediment ( $RBC_{PCB TEQ}$  and  $RBC_{cPAH TEQ}$ ) were based on the ratio of the sediment quality objective target excess lifetime cancer risk ( $ELCR_{target} = 1x10^{-6}$ ) to the Site-specific ELCR ( $ELCR_{PCB TEQ}$  or  $ELCR_{cPAH TEQ}$ ) and to the sum of each constituent concentration multiplied by each individual TEF using Equation 5, shown below.

Equation 5: 
$$RBC_{CPAH TEQ} = \frac{ELCR_{Target}}{ELCR_{CPAH TEQ}} \times \sum_{a=1}^{g} (Csed_a \times TEF_a)$$

RBCs for sediment exposure through ingestion/dermal contact exposure pathways were calculated using Equation 6, shown below. The parameters used in Equation 6 were set to the Ecology default assumptions, as shown in Table A-3.

Equation 6: 
$$RBC_{beach\ play} = \frac{CR \times BW \times AT_{cr}}{EF \times ED \times \left[\left(\frac{IR \times AB \times CPF_{0}}{UCF}\right) + \left(\frac{SA \times AF \times ABS \times CPF_{d}}{UCF}\right)\right]}$$

For the ELS-based calculations, Equation 6 was adapted to reflect application of EPA's ADAF across the age ranges, including the additional recommended adjustments upward in risk to account for the potential greater susceptibility of children from 0 to 2 and from 2 to 6 years of age compared to older children/teens and adults. The ELS-based RBC for the beach play exposure scenario was calculated using Equation 6.1, shown below.

Equation 6.1:  

$$RBC_{ELS-beach \ play} = \frac{CR \times AT_{cr}}{\left[\left(\frac{IRF_{child} - adj \times AB \times CPF_{0}}{UCF}\right) + \left(\frac{DF_{child} - adj \times ABS \times CPF_{d}}{UCF}\right)\right]}$$
Where:  

$$IRF_{child} - adj = \frac{IR_{0-2} \times ED_{0-2} \times EF_{0-2} \times ADAF_{0-2}}{BW_{0-2}} + (2-6yr, \ 6-16yr, \ 16-70yr)$$

$$SA_{0-2} \times AF_{0-2} \times ED_{0-2} \times EF_{0-2} \times ADAF_{0-2}$$

$$DF_{child-adj} = \frac{SA_{0-2} \times AF_{0-2} \times ED_{0-2} \times EF_{0-2} \times ADAF_{0-2}}{BW_{0-2}} + (2-6yr, 6-16yr, 16-70yr)$$

## 3.0 ESTABLISHING SEDIMENT CLEANUP LEVELS FOR PERSISTENT BIOACCUMULATIVE TOXINS

For this Site, SCO and CSL values were developed in accordance with SMS, Ecology guidance, and as generally outlined by the approach and procedures described above. This section summarizes the process of establishing these values for each IHS, and presents the rationale for selecting the CL. In accordance with SMS, the CL is initially set at the SCO but may be adjusted upward as high as the CSL, based on Site-specific evaluation of technical feasibility and net adverse environmental impact.

During the RI/FS, it was suggested that the CL would be established at a value between the SCO and CSL for some constituents, based on consideration of the potential adverse impacts that could occur if dredging was necessary on a much larger scale. However, based on the updated calculations conducted for this update, the CL will be established at the SCO in all instances, maintaining a strongly protective remedy.

The Site marine sediment CLs were set at the lowest value of the SCOs compared across the relevant receptor groups (i.e., the benthic organism community, higher trophic-level species, or humans) for each Site-specific PBT, because the SCOs were determined to be technically feasible to achieve with a net positive impact to the environment. Table A-6 summarizes the results of this evaluation and the CLs to be adopted in the CAP.

The following subsections provide additional information regarding the CL development, including a summary of how the CLs have been updated from those developed during the RI/FS.

## 3.1 Polychlorinated Biphenyls

In the RI/FS report, SCO and CSL values were developed for both total PCBs and dioxin-like PCB congeners (PCB TEQ). The values for total PCBs were useful to determine the extent of contamination and develop cleanup remedies. However, compliance with the state cleanup standards will ultimately be assessed based on dioxin-like congeners, and as a result, SCO and CSL values for total PCBs were not updated herein. This evaluation included updating the RBC equations for PCB TEQ, using the parameters and considerations for early life stage exposure and beach play exposure noted in Section 2. As shown in Table A-6, the RBC values are both less than the PQL, and as a result the PQL is adopted as the SCO and the CSL. Thereby, the CL for PCB congeners is set at 0.7 nanograms per kilogram (ng/kg).

## 3.2 Carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

For cPAHs, more recent toxicological data became available after development of the SLs for the RI/FS report, prompting the need to update the CL calculations. Primarily, this consisted of the change in the cancer potency factor for benzo(a)pyrene from 7.3 (mg/kg-day)<sup>-1</sup> to 1 (mg/kg-day)<sup>-1</sup> (Table A-4). The equation input parameters were also updated to match the recent updates in Ecology's SCUM

(Ecology 2019b) guidance. Furthermore, additional consideration was given to evaluating the potential risks associated with beach play exposure scenarios and early-life stage exposures to be consistent with SCUM guidance.

The decreased cancer potency and increased exposure protection have competing effects on the RBC, but ultimately result in values greater than what was developed for the RI/FS. As shown in Table A-6, the RBC values are 490 micrograms per kilogram ( $\mu$ g/kg) for the SCO, and 1,028  $\mu$ g/kg for the CSL. Because it is feasible to achieve the SCO without net negative environmental impact, the CL is set at the SCO, 490  $\mu$ g/kg.

## 3.3 Tributyltin

During the RI/FS, Site-specific bulk TBT SCO and CSL values of 238  $\mu$ g/kg and 738  $\mu$ g/kg, respectively, were developed for the protection of benthic species. During this update, seafood consumption and beach play RBCs were calculated for protection of human health. The lowest RBC calculated for protection of human health for bulk TBT was 167  $\mu$ g/kg. As a result, the lower and more conservative value of 167  $\mu$ g/kg was selected as the SCO. The CSL was retained at 738  $\mu$ g/kg, which is protective of benthic species.

No background or PQL values have been established for TBT, so the CL was set at 167  $\mu$ g/kg, as shown in Table A-6.

## 3.4 Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxin Metals

The RBC calculated for arsenic was 0.43 mg/kg, protective of human health through beach play and based on an HQ of 1. This value is less than the SCO protective of the benthic community (57 mg/kg), so was established as the SCO for arsenic protective of human health. However, the arsenic natural background (11 mg/kg) is greater than both the RBC SCO value and the PQL (0.3 mg/kg); therefore, 11 mg/kg was established as the CL for arsenic.

The lowest RBC protective of human health for cadmium was 7 mg/kg. This is a higher value than the natural background concentration or the PQL (0.8 and 0.07 mg/kg, respectively) and it is therefore established as the SCO for cadmium protective of human health. Since no regional background concentration has been established for cadmium, the CSL protective of human health also corresponds to the RBC for cadmium as a non-carcinogen (7 mg/kg). However, these SCO and CSL values are higher than the SCO or CSL protective of the benthic community (5.1 and 6.7 mg/kg, respectively). Therefore, 5.1 mg/kg was selected as the final cadmium SCO, CSL, and CL.

The lowest RBC protective of human health for mercury was 0.5 mg/kg. This is a higher value than the natural background concentration or the PQL (0.2 and 0.02 mg/kg, respectively) and it is therefore established as the SCO for mercury protective of human health. Since no regional background concentration has been established for mercury, the CSL protective of human health also corresponds

to the RBC for mercury as a non-carcinogen (0.5 mg/kg). However, these SCO and CSL values are higher than the SCO or CSL protective of the benthic community (0.41 and 0.59 mg/kg, respectively). Therefore, 0.41 mg/kg was selected as the final mercury SCO, CSL, and CL.

Since no RBC specific to the protection of human health and higher trophic-level species could be calculated for lead, the natural background concentration (21 mg/kg), which is higher than the PQL (0.1 mg/kg), was used as the CL for protection of human health. Because the SCO and CSL values for protection of benthic organisms are significantly greater that the values for protection of human health, the human health SCO of 21 mg/kg was established conservatively as the lead CL for marine sediment.

The CLs for PBT metals are presented in Table A-6.

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### Table A-1 Background and Practical Quantitation Limit Concentrations Westman Marine Site – Blaine, Washington

Parameter	Natural Background (a)	PQL (b)	Units
Polychlorinated biphenyls - TEQ (dioxin-like congeners)	0.2	0.7	ηg/kg
Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons - TEQ	21	9	µg/kg
Tributyltin	-	-	µg/kg
Arsenic	11	0.3	mg/kg
Cadmium	0.8	0.07	mg/kg
Lead	21	0.1	mg/kg
Mercury	0.2	0.02	mg/kg

#### Notes:

- (a) From SCUM Table 10-1; calculated values (90/90 UTL) for marine sediment natural background from the data sets in Appendix I and Bold study (Ecology 2019b).
- (b) From SCUM Table 11-1; programmatic sediment and tissue PQLs used to establish the PQL-based SCO and CSL (Ecology 2019b).

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

CSL = cleanup screening level µg/kg = micrograms per kilogram mg/kg = milligrams per kilogram ng/kg - nanograms per kilogram PQL = practical quantitation limit SCO = sediment cleanup objective SCUM = Sediment Cleanup User's Manual (Ecology 2019b) TEQ = toxicity equivalence UTL = upper tolerance limit

#### Table A-2

## Risk-Based Concentration – Seafood Consumption Calculation Parameters Westman Marine Site – Blaine, Washington

Parameter	Symbol	Units	Value
Cancer Risk	CR	unitless	1.00E-06
Hazard Quotient	HQ	unitless	1
Body Weight	BW	kg	81.8 (a)
Averaging Time-Carcinogen	AT <sub>Cr</sub>	days	27,375
Averaging Time-Non-Carcinogen	AT <sub>Nc</sub>	days	27,375
Unit Conversion Factor	UCF	g/kg	1,000
Exposure Frequency	EF	days/yr	365
Exposure Duration	ED	years	70 (b)
Fish/Shellfish Consumption Rate (finfish)	FCR	g/day	112 (c)
Fish/Shellfish Consumption Rate (crustaceans)	FCR	g/day	81.9 (c)
Fish/Shellfish Diet Fraction	FDF	proportion	1
Fraction of Organic Carbon in Sediment	Sfoc	g/g	0.0156
Site Use Factor, Fish	SUF	proportion	0.02
Site Use Factor, Shellfish (crustaceans)	SUF	proportion	0.10
Fish/Shellfish Lipid Fraction	SL	g/g	0.03

#### Notes:

- (a) Average body weight of Tulalip tribal adults (Toy et al. 1996).
- (b) Early-life stage exposure durations applied as promulgated in EPA 2005.
- (c) Tulalip Tribes consumption for pelagic and benthic/demersal fish and shellfish (Ecology 2013).

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

EPA = US Environmental Protection Agency g/day = grams per day g/g = grams per gram g/kg = grams per kilogram kg = kilogram yr = year

## Table A-3Risk-Based Concentration – Beach Play Calculation ParametersWestman Marine Site – Blaine, Washington

Parameter	Symbol	Units	Value
Averaging Time (ages 0-6)	AT	days	2,190
Averaging Time (ages 6-70)	AT	days	23,360
Averaging Time (ages 0-70)	AT	days	25,550
Body Weight (ages 0-6)	BW	kg	16
Body Weight (ages 6-70)	BW	kg	81.8
Body Weight (ages 0-70)	BW	kg	81.8
Cancer Risk	CR	unitless	1.00E-06
Dermal absorption fraction (organic hazardous substances)	ABS	unitless	0.1 (a)
Dermal absorption fraction (inorganic hazardous substances)	ABS	unitless	0.01 (b)
Dermal surface area (ages 0-6)	SA	cm <sup>2</sup>	2,200
Dermal surface area (ages 6-70)	SA	cm <sup>2</sup>	3,160
Dermal surface area (ages 0-70)	SA	cm <sup>2</sup>	3,160
Exposure duration (ages 0-6)	ED	year	6
Exposure duration (ages 6-70)	ED	year	64
Exposure duration (ages 0-70)	ED	year	70 (c)
Exposure Frequency	EF	days/year	41
Gastrointestinal Absorption Fraction (organic hazardous substances)	GI	unitless	0.5 (a)
Gastrointestinal Absorption Fraction (inorganic hazardous substances)	GI	unitless	0.2 (b)
Gastrointestinal absorption fraction (soil)	AB1	unitless	1.0
Hazard Quotient	HQ	unitless	1.0
Ingestion rate (ages 0-6)	IR	mg/day	200
Ingestion rate (ages 6-70)	IR	mg/day	100
Ingestion rate (ages 0-70)	IR	mg/day	100
Sediment to skin adherence factor (ages 0-6)	AF	mg/cm <sup>2-</sup> day	0.2
Sediment to skin adherence factor (ages 6-70)	AF	mg/cm <sup>2</sup> -day	0.6
Sediment to skin adherence factor (ages 0-70)	AF	mg/cm <sup>2</sup> -day	0.6

#### Notes:

- (a) Organic hazardous substances include cPAHs, TBT, and PCBs.
- (b) Inorganic hazardous substances include metals.
- (c) Early-life stage exposure durations applied as promulgated in EPA 2005.

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

cm<sup>2</sup> = square centimeter cPAHs = carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons kg = kilogram mg/cm<sup>2</sup>-day = milligram per square centimeter per day mg/day = milligram per day PCBs = polychlorinated biphenyls TBT = tributyltin

## Table A-4Cancer Potency Factors and Toxicity Equivalency FactorsWestman Marine Site – Blaine, Washington

Carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons						
Chemical	CAS	CPFo	TEF			
Chemical	CAS	(mg/kg-day) <sup>-1</sup>	(unitless)			
Benz(a)anthracene	56-55-3	1.00E-01	1.00E-01			
Benzo(a)pyrene	50-32-8	1.00E+00	1.00E+00			
Fluoranthene (total)	205-99-2	1.00E-01	1.00E-01			
Chrysene	218-01-9	1.00E-02	1.00E-02			
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	53-70-3	1.00E-01	1.00E-01			
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	193-39-5	1.00E-01	1.00E-01			

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (Dioxin-Like Congeners)						
Chemical	CAS	CPFo	TEF			
Chemical	CAS	(mg/kg-day) <sup>-1</sup>	(unitless)			
PCB 77	32598-13-3	1.30E+01	1.00E-04			
PCB 81	70362-50-4	3.90E+01	3.00E-04			
PCB 105	32598-14-4	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 114	74472-37-0	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 118	31508-00-6	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 123	65510-44-3	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 126	57465-28-8	1.30E+04	1.00E-01			
PCB 156	38380-08-4	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 157	69782-90-7	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 167	52663-72-6	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			
PCB 169	32774-16-6	3.90E+03	3.00E-02			
PCB 189	39635-31-9	3.90E+00	3.00E-05			

Tributyltin and Metals					
Chemical	CAS No.	CPFo	RfDo		
	6, 10 1101	(mg/kg-day) <sup>-1</sup>	(mg/kg-day)		
Tributyltin	688-73-3	NA	3.00E-04		
Arsenic	7440-38-2	1.50E+00	3.00E-04		
Cadmium	7440-43-9a	NA	1.00E-03		
Lead	7439-92-1	NA	NA		
Mercury	7439-97-6	NA	1.00E-04		

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

CAS = Chemical Abstracts Service

CPFo = cancer potency factor

NA = not available

PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

RfDo = reference dose

TEF = toxicity equivalency factor

mg/kg-day = milligram per kilogram per day

# Table A-5Mean Biota Sediment Accumulation Factor ValuesWestman Marine Site – Blaine, Washington

Carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons BSAFs						
Chemical	al CAS No. Finfish Cr					
Benz(a)anthracene	56-55-3	1.22E-03	6.11E-03			
Benzo(a)pyrene	50-32-8	9.52E-04	4.76E-03			
Total Fluoranthene	205-99-2	1.17E-03	5.84E-03			
Chrysene	218-01-9	1.49E-03	7.46E-03			
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	53-70-3	1.29E-03	6.46E-03			
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	193-39-5	1.10E-03	5.49E-03			

Polychlorinated Bi	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (Dioxin-Like Congeners) BSAFs						
Chemical	CAS No.	Finfish	Crustaceans (a)				
РСВ 77	32598-13-3	3.72E-01	1.86E+00				
PCB 81	70362-50-4	4.58E+00	2.29E+01				
PCB 105	32598-14-4	1.25E+01	6.26E+01				
PCB 114	74472-37-0	2.78E+00	1.39E+01				
PCB 118	31508-00-6	6.26E+00	3.13E+01				
PCB 123	65510-44-3	1.16E-01	5.79E-01				
PCB 126	57465-28-8	7.18E-01	3.59E+00				
PCB 156	38380-08-4	5.42E+00	2.71E+01				
PCB 157	69782-90-7	1.42E+00	7.10E+00				
PCB 167	52663-72-6	7.22E+00	3.61E+01				
PCB 169	32774-16-6	4.32E-01	2.16E+00				
PCB 189	39635-31-9	6.06E+00	3.03E+01				

Tributyltin BSAF						
Chemical	Chemical CAS No. Finfish					
Tributyltin	688-73-3	1.00E+01	1.00E+01			
Metal BAFs (b)						
Chemical	CAS No.	Finfish	Crustaceans			
Arsenic	7440-38-2	1.80E-01	4.88E+00			
Cadmium	7440-43-9a	4.89E-02	1.57E+00			
Lead	7439-92-1	NA	NA			
Mercury	7439-97-6	1.61E+00	2.24E+00			

#### Notes:

- (a) Finfish BSAF data from USACE and EPA BSAF databases (EPA, USACE; both accessed July 2020). Crustaceans BSAF are five times the finfish BSAF (I&J Waterway Cleanup Action Plan, Ecology 2019a).
- (b) From Newfields 2013.

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

- BAF = bioaccumulation factor
- BSAF = biota-sediment accumulation factor
- CAS = Chemical Abstracts Service

EPA = US Environmental Protection Agency

- NA = not available
- PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

USACE = US Army Corps of Engineers

## Table A-6 Marine Sediment Cleanup Levels for Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxins Westman Marine Site – Blaine, Washington

	Natural		Risk-Based	Risk-Based	Benthic	Benthic	Proposed Cleanup Level	
Parameter	Background (a)	PQL (b)	SCO	CSL	SCO (c)	CSL (c)	(d)	Units
Dioxin-like PCBs- TEQ	0.2	0.7	0.003	0.03	-	-	0.7	ηg/kg
cPAHs - TEQ	21	9	490	1028	-	-	490	µg/kg
Tributyltin (non-carcinogen)	-	-	167	738	238	738	167	µg/kg
Arsenic	11	0.3	0.43	0.43	57	93	11	mg/kg
Cadmium	0.8	0.07	5.1	5.1	5.1	6.7	5.1	mg/kg
Lead (e)	21	0.1	450	450	450	530	21	mg/kg
Mercury	0.2	0.02	0.5	0.5	0.41	0.59	0.41	mg/kg

#### Notes:

(a) From SCUM Table 10-1; calculated values (90/90 UTL) for marine sediment natural background from the data sets in Appendix I and Bold study (Ecology 2019b).

(b) From SCUM Table 11-1; programmatic sediment and tissue PQLs used to establish the PQL-based SCO and CSL (Ecology 2019b).

(c) From SCUM Table 8-1; marine and freshwater sediment chemical criteria for protection of the benthic community (Ecology 2019b).

(d) Proposed revised cleanup levels in some cases differ from those presented in the RI/FS (LAI 2020). The previously proposed cleanup levels in the

RI/FS are as follows: cPAHs = 400 µg/kg, dioxin-like PCBs = 0.9 ng/kg, tributyltin = 238 µg/kg, cadmium = 0.8 mg/kg, mercury = 0.2 mg/kg.

(e) The more conservative natural background value for lead was chosen as the proposed cleanup level for the Site.

#### Abbreviations and Acronyms:

μg/kg = micrograms per kilogram cPAHs = carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons CSL = cleanup screening level Ecology = Washington State Department of Ecology mg/kg = milligrams per kilogram ng/kg = nanograms per kilogram PCBs = polychlorinated biphenyls PQL = practical quantitation limit RI/FS = remedial investigation/feasibility study

SCO = sediment cleanup objective

SCUM = Sediment Cleanup User's Manual (Ecology 2019b)

SMS = Sediment Management Standards

TEQ = toxicity equivalence

UTL = upper tolerance limit

WAC = Washington Administrative Code

## EXHIBIT C WESTMAN MARINE INC. SITE SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE

	Deliverables	Due
A. Administrative		
A.1	Progress Reports	Quarterly on the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the month beginning after the effective date of the Agreed Order
B. Design		
B.1	Draft Pre-Remedial Design Investigation (PRDI) Project Plans <sup>2</sup>	60 days following the effective date of the Agreed Order
B.2	Final PRDI Project Plans	30 days of receipt of Ecology's comments on the Draft PRDI Project Plans (B.1)
B.3	Complete PRDI work	120 days of Ecology approval of Final PRDI Project Plans or other date approved by Ecology (B.2). Results to be integrated into the Engineering Design Report (EDR)
B.4	Draft EDR <sup>3</sup> to Ecology for review	90 days of completion of the PRDI work (B.3)
B.5	Draft Final EDR to Ecology	30 days of receipt of Ecology's comments on Draft EDR (B.4) <sup>4</sup>
B.6	Final EDR to Ecology	30 days of any additional Ecology comments on Draft Final EDR (B.5)
B.7	90 % Construction Plans and Specifications (Plans and Specs)	150 days of Ecology approval on Final EDR (B.6)
B.8	100 % Plans and Specs	90 days of receipt of Ecology comments on 90 % plans and specifications (B.7) or receipt of all required permits, whichever occurs later.

1) Schedule is in calendar days.

2) Project Plans include the following: Work Plan, Sampling and Analysis Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan, Inadvertent Discovery Plan, and Health and Safety Plan. All plans will include a schedule for implementation as applicable.

3) The Engineering Design Report includes: a Construction Quality Assurance Project Plan, a Compliance Monitoring and Contingency Response Plan, an Inspection and Maintenance Plan, Proposed Best Management Practices, a Water Quality Monitoring Plan, and Substantive Requirements of Procedurally Exempt Permits.

4) Permit application submittal is anticipated to be concurrent with Draft Final EDR to Ecology (B.5).

## EXHIBIT D WESTMAN MARINE INC. SITE REQUIRED PERMITS OR APPROVALS

#### **Applicable Permits or Approvals & Requirements**

The cleanup action requires the following:

#### **United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 38**

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1344 requires a permit prior to discharging dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States, including special aquatic sites such as wetlands. The Cleanup Action will be conducted under the conditions and requirements of a Nationwide Permit 38 which covers the Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste that are performed, ordered or sponsored by government agency with established legal or regulatory authority. The Nationwide Permit 38 will be applied for through a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA).

#### **NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit**

The cleanup action will require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Stormwater General Permit. Ecology administers the federal NPDES regulations in Washington State. All construction permits that disturb more than 1 acre during construction must obtain a NPDES construction stormwater permit. The NPDES permit program is delegated to Washington State by the federal Environmental Protection Agency under the federal Clean Water Act, § 1251 et seq. Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.090(2), Ecology has determined that the procedural requirements of an NPDES permit are not exempt for MTCA actions. The Cleanup Action will be conducted under the requirements of an NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit issued separately by Ecology.

## State Environmental Policy Act Integrated Compliance (RCW 43.21C.036 and WAC 197-11-250 through 259)

Compliance with SEPA, Chapter 43.21C RCW, will be achieved by conducting SEPA review in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, including WAC 197-11-268, and Ecology guidance as presented in Ecology Policy 130A (Ecology 2004). SEPA review will be conducted concurrent with public review of the Cleanup Action Plan. The Department of Ecology will act as the SEPA lead agency and will coordinate SEPA review.

#### Washington Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Land Use Authorization

Some of the cleanup action will occur on State-owned aquatic lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR's Aquatic Resources Program manages State-owned aquatic lands and will determine the type of authorization required (e.g. license, lease, easement etc.) for the cleanup action. The Aquatic Land Use Authorization for the cleanup action will be initiated through the JARPA process.

#### EXHIBIT E

## WESTMAN MARINE INC. SITE APPLICABLE SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS OF PROCEDURALLY EXEMPT PERMITS OR APPROVALS

#### **Applicable Permits or Approvals & Requirements**

The cleanup action is exempt from the procedural requirements of the following permits and approvals but must meet the substantive requirements:

#### Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approval

Chapter 220-110 WAC (Hydraulic Code Rules) and Chapter 77.55 RCW (Construction Projects in State Waters) regulate work that uses, diverts, obstructs, or changes the natural flow or bed of any of the salt or fresh waters of state and includes bed reconfiguration, all construction or other work waterward, under and over the ordinary high water line, including dry channels, and may include projects landward of the ordinary high water line (e.g., activities outside the ordinary high water line that will directly impact fish life and habitat, falling trees into streams or lakes, bridge maintenance, dike construction, etc.). The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) oversees the implementation of these laws and issues a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) with appropriate conditions to protect these resources. The JARPA process will identify HPA substantive requirements that the Cleanup Action must comply with including coordinating closely with WDFW to ensure that the requirements of the HPA process are met.

#### City of Blaine Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (Blaine Municipal Code Ch. 17.81)

Pursuant to the City of Blaine Shoreline Master Program (Blaine Municipal Code [BMC] Ch. 17.81), the cleanup action must meet the requirements of a City Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SDP). The cleanup action will occur within the regulated shoreline. The substantive requirements include meeting the general conditions for a SDP and applicable general regulations and use activity policies.

#### City of Blaine Construction Stormwater Permit (BMC Title 13.01)

Pursuant to the City of Blaine Storm Water code (BMC 13.01), the cleanup action must meet the requirements of a City Stormwater Permit. The substantive requirements include preparation of a stormwater site plan, preparation of a construction stormwater pollution prevention plan, source control of pollution, preservation of natural drainage systems and outfalls, on-site stormwater management, run off treatment, flow control, and system operations and maintenance.