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Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

US Army Corps of Engineers

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Coordinator

Public Notice Date: June 8, 2011

Expiration Date: July 8, 2011

Reference No.: NWS-2010-1118-WRD
Name: Tacoma, Port of

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Port of Tacoma
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Tacoma, Washington 98401-1837
Attention: Robert Brenner
Telephone: (253) 592-6704

LOCATION: In Blair Waterway, Commencement Bay, at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

WORK: Maintenance dredging to remove up to 42,100 cubic yards of sediments from an area 150 feet wide and 2,702 feet long in berthing areas of Husky Terminal, which consist of Terminal 3 and Terminal 4. All dredging will occur between -46 and -53 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) line. The area will be dredged to about -53 feet MLLW, the depth of prior dredge authorization in Blair Waterway, which includes 2 foot allowable over dredge. The proposed dredging area is divided into four dredge material management units (DMMUs).

Up to 12,100 cubic yards of dredged material would be removed from DMMU-1 and up to 3,850 cubic yards of material would be removed from DMMU-3 and placed at the Port of Tacoma's upland disposal area on Parcel 14. The dredged material for upland disposal would be placed on a barge and allowed to dewater for up to 24 hours. These materials would then be off-loaded from the barge to a truck and either taken to a dewatering cell located on the terminal (Material Rehandling Area), or taken directly to Parcel 14 for upland disposal. Dredged materials dewatered further on the terminal would then be trucked to Parcel 14 when sufficiently dried for transport. A total of 15,950 cubic yards of dredged material would be disposed on Parcel 14.

Up to 26,150 cubic yards of dredged material would be removed from DMMU-2 (14,200 cubic yards), DMMU-3 (10,250 cubic yards), and DMMU-4 (1,700 cubic yards) and disposed of at the Commencement Bay Disposal Site. Dredging will be done using a barge-mounted dredge with a clamshell bucket.

PURPOSE: To restore the federally authorized depth of -51 feet MLLW to allow for vessel movement to and from the terminals.

DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (DMMP):

Dredged Material Testing: The applicant had completed dredged material testing but the data had not yet been validated before this Public Notice was published. Prior to completing our review, the data must be validated and the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) agencies must finalize the suitability determination for this project. The volumes designated in this Public Notice as being suitable for disposal at a DMMP open-water disposal site or requiring disposal at an upland location were taken from the draft DMMP suitability determination. The sediment testing data will be available at the Corps, Seattle District, Dredged Material Management Office.

Disposal Site Use Conditions: The following standard site-use conditions will be specified by the Corps and the Washington Department of Natural Resources as part of the Federal/State permitting processes: (1) disposal operations must not interfere with Indian treaty fishing at the disposal site, including gill nets and other fishing gear; (2) the permittee must coordinate any nighttime disposal with the Corps, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch Project Manager; and (3) approval must be received from the District Engineer prior to conducting nighttime disposal. Other appropriate special conditions may be added as a result of comments received during the public review period for this public notice.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. If the Corps determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION – CORPS: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors

which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

EVALUATION—ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION:

City of Tacoma has issued an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

Corps comments: All e-mail comments should be sent to olivia.h.romano@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Olivia Romano, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

Ecology Comments: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Department of Ecology, Attention: SEA program – Federal Permit Coordinator, Post Office Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Tacoma, Port of; NWS-2010-1118-WRD

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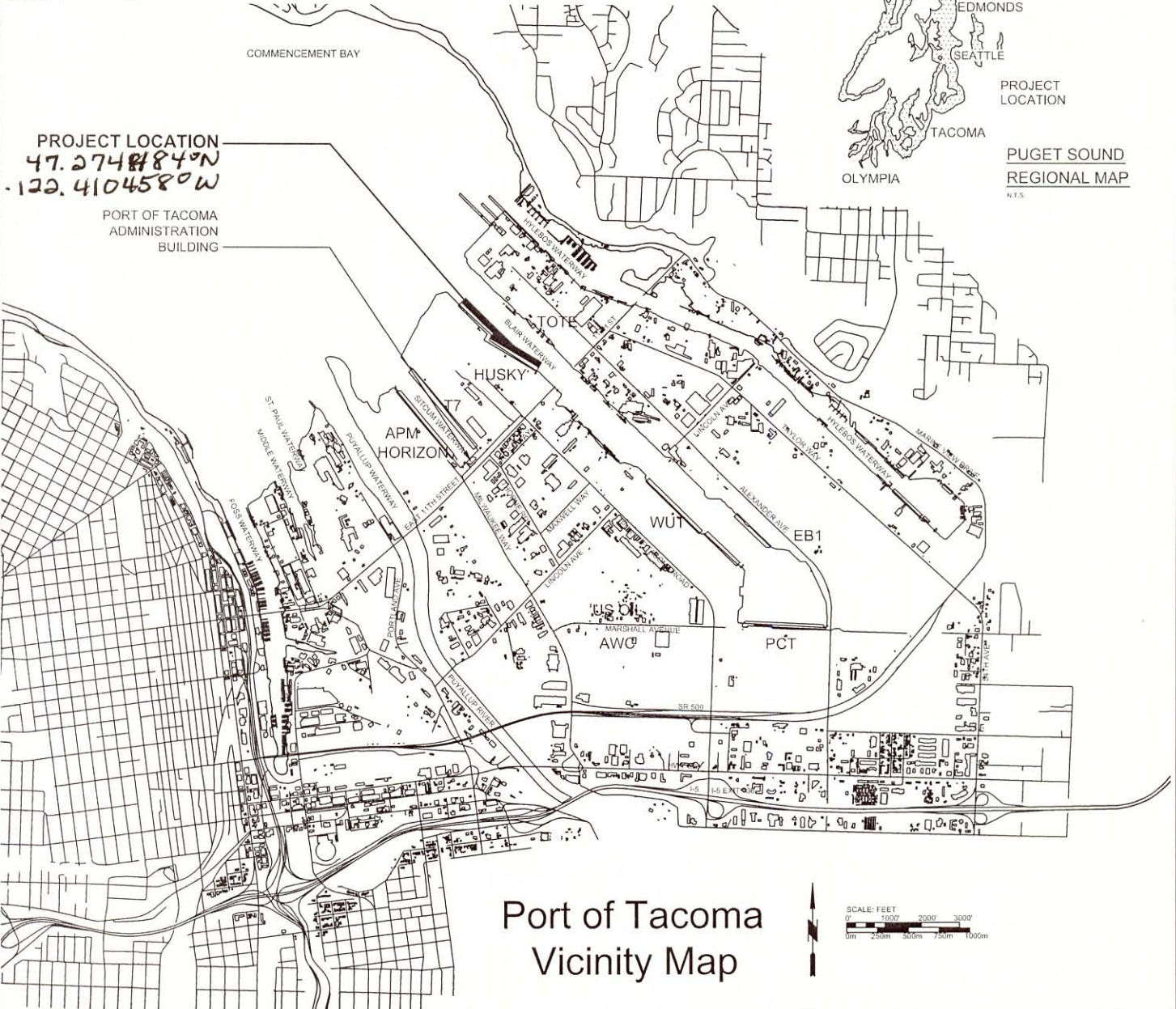
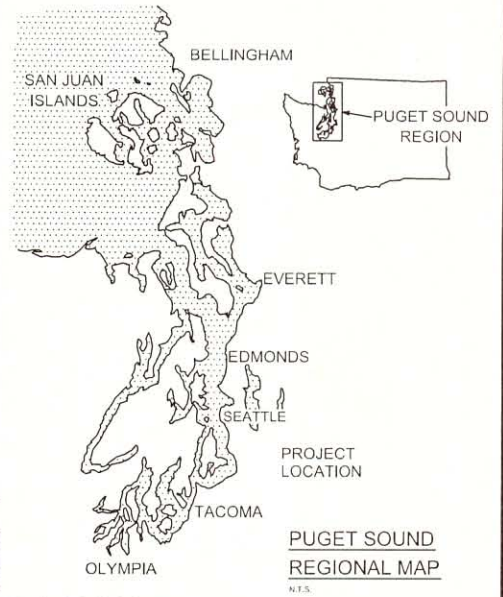
NORTHBOUND: EXIT 136B LOOPS UP & OVER FREEWAY ONTO PORT OF TACOMA ROAD
 SOUTHBOUND: EXIT 136 AND TURN RIGHT AT END OF EXIT ONTO PORT OF TACOMA ROAD.
 FOLLOW PORT OF TACOMA ROAD FOR APPROX. 3 MILES. AT EAST 11TH STREET TURN LEFT
 AND CONTINUE APPROX. 1/2 MILE. EXIT EAST 11TH STREET TO THE RIGHT JUST BEFORE
 THE BRIDGE. AT THE STOP SIGN MAKE A HAIR PIN TURN TO THE RIGHT.
 THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT AT THE HEAD OF SITCUM WATERWAY.

SECTION, TOWNSHIP, AND RANGE

SECTION: 27
 TOWNSHIP: 21N
 RANGE: 3E

PORT PARCEL

27 = T3 & T4



PROJECT LOCATION
 47.27484°N
 -122.410458°W

PORT OF TACOMA
 ADMINISTRATION
 BUILDING

Port of Tacoma
Vicinity Map



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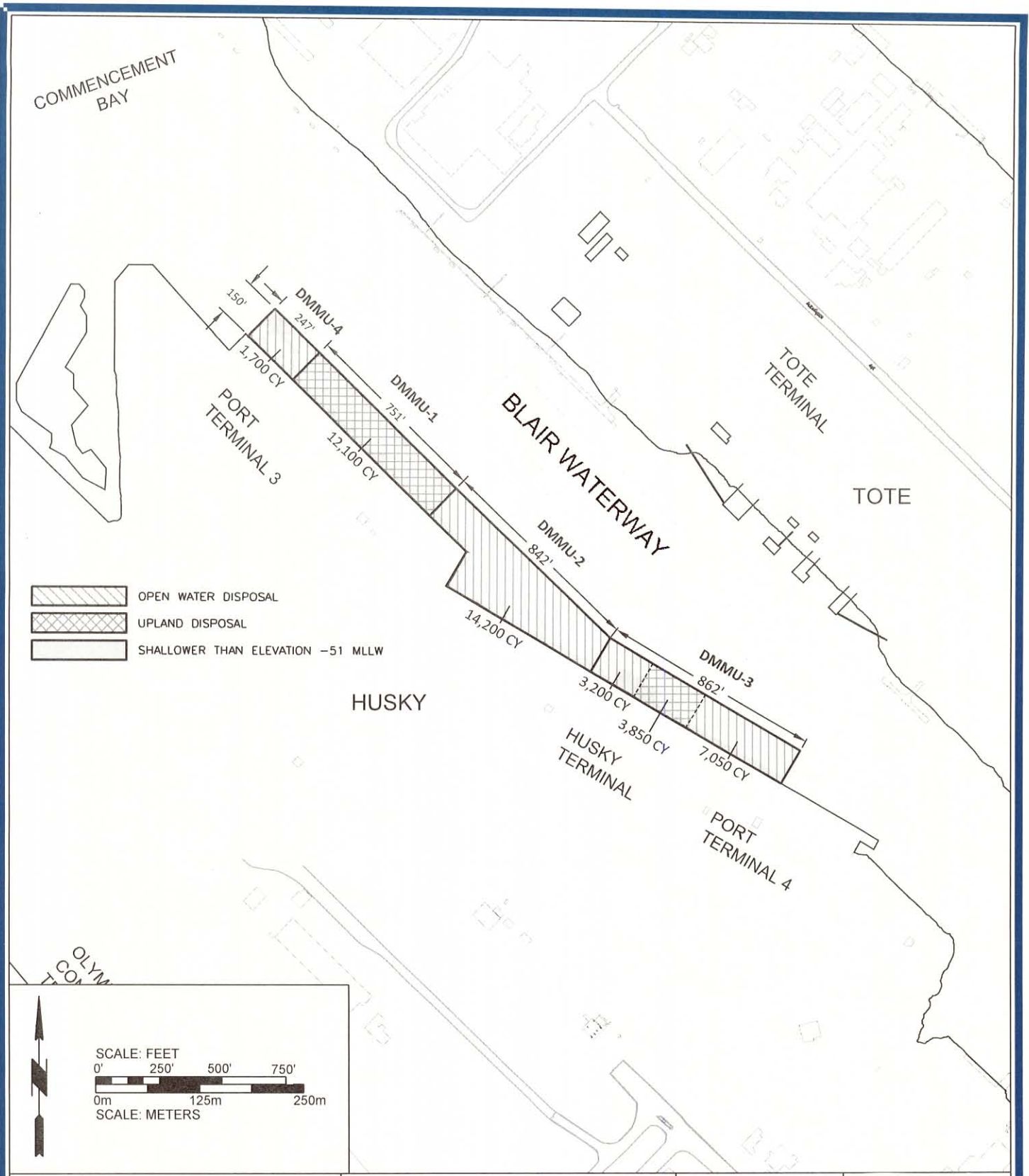
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 COUNTY: PIERCE
 CITY/PORT: PORT OF TACOMA
 LOCATION: BLAIR WATERWAY
 PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING



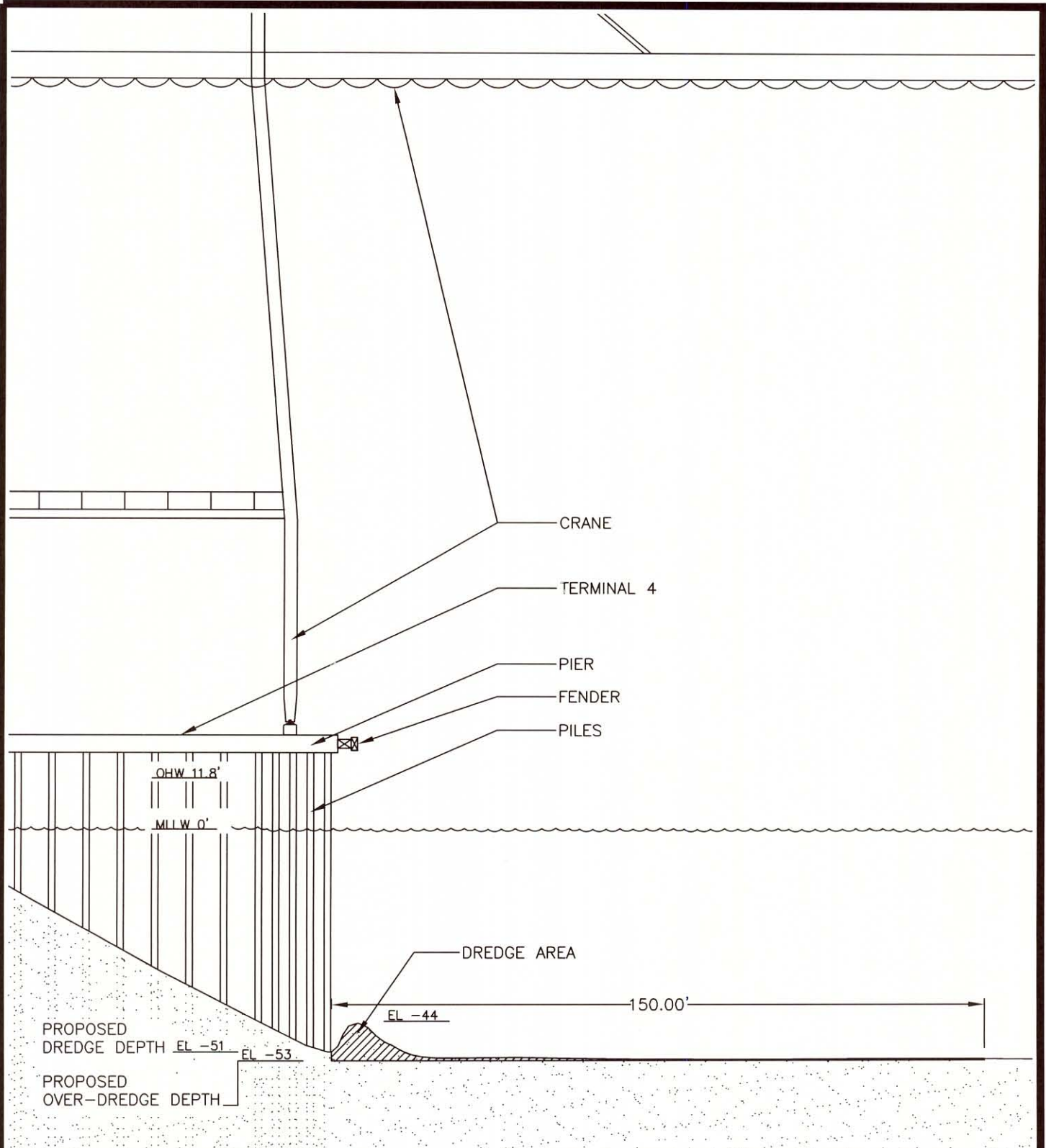
Port of Tacoma Site Map



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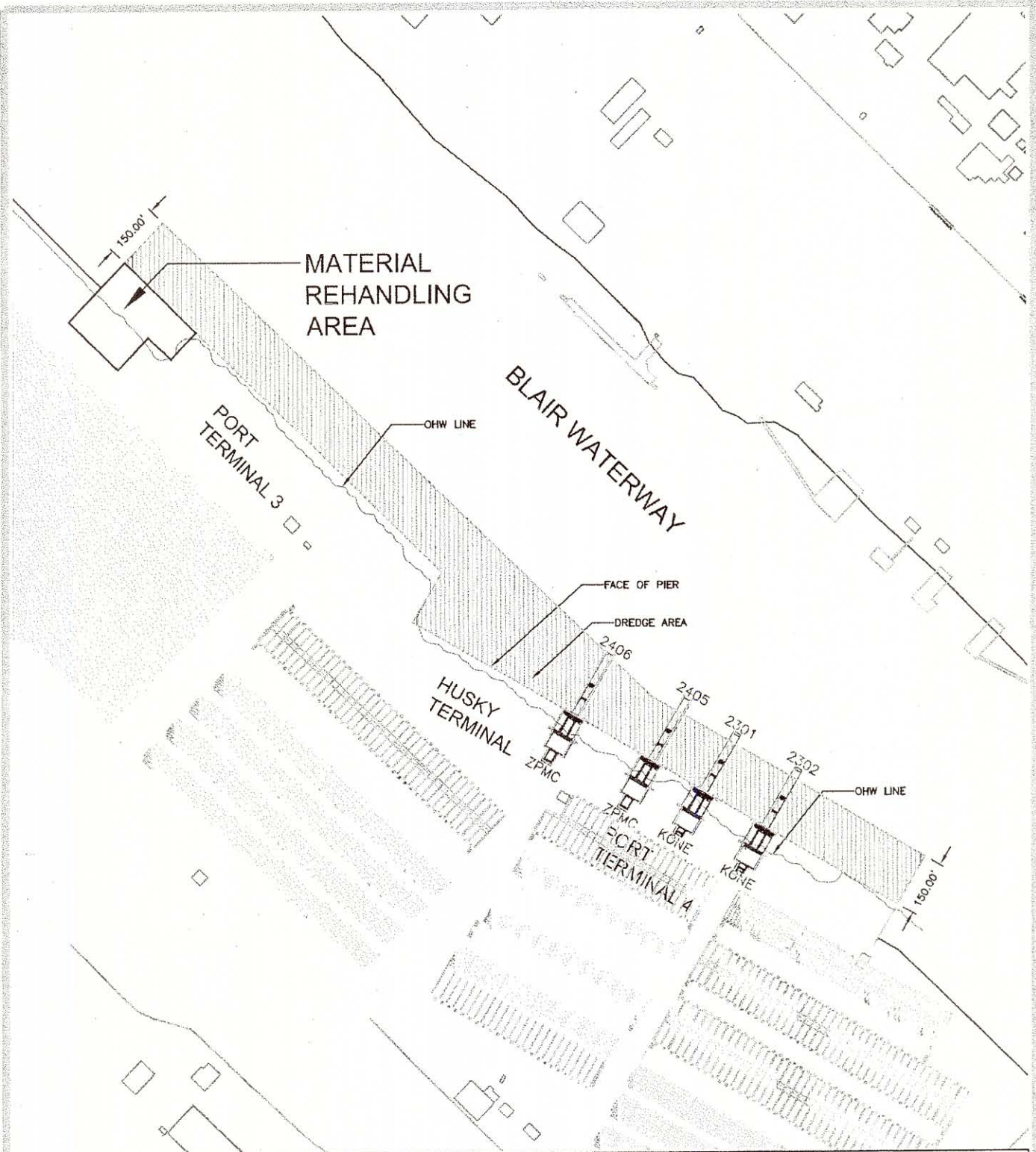
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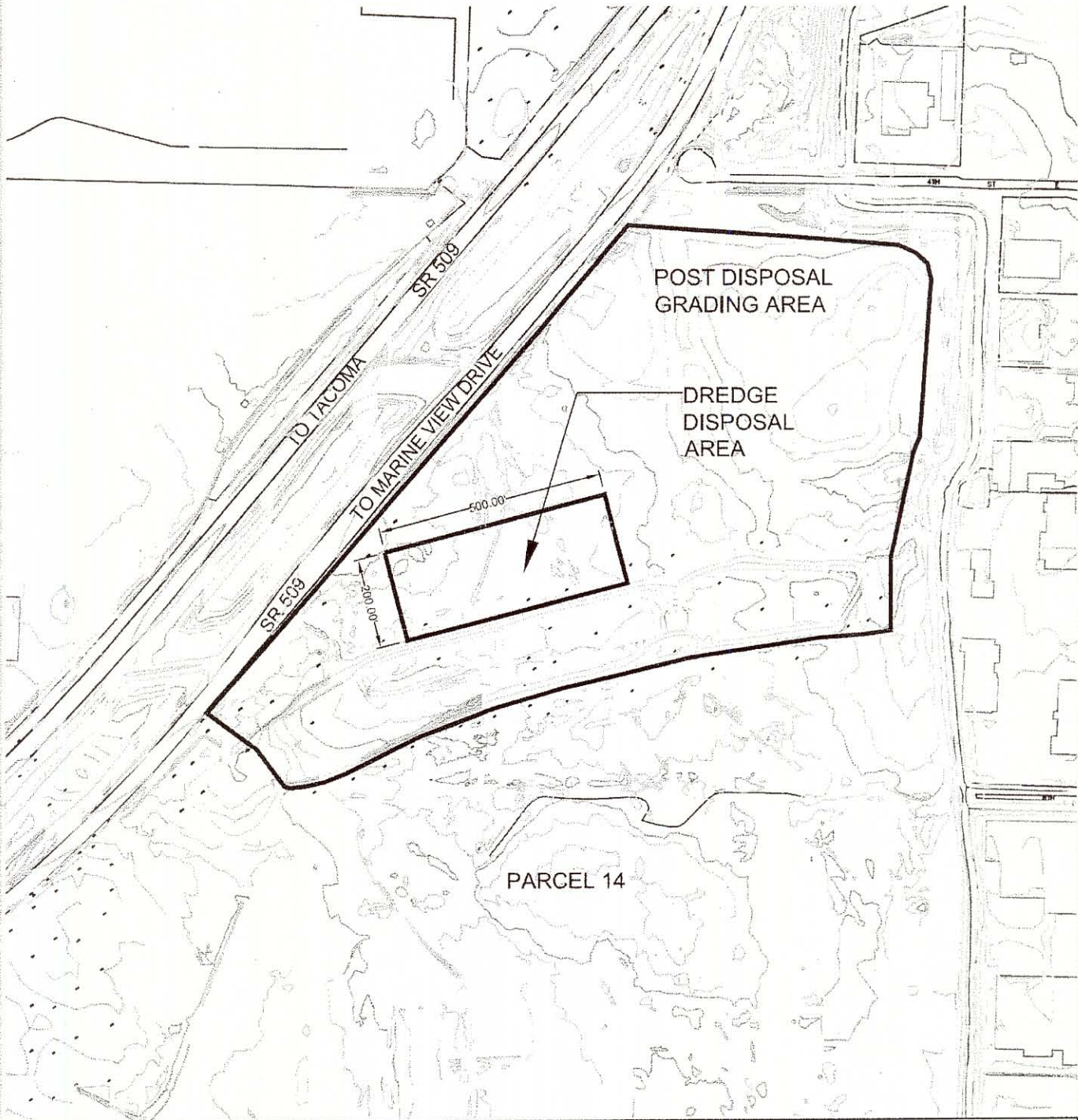
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STATE:	WA
COUNTY:	PIERCE
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LOCATION:	BLAIR WATERWAY
PURPOSE:	MAINTENANCE DREDGING

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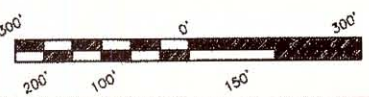
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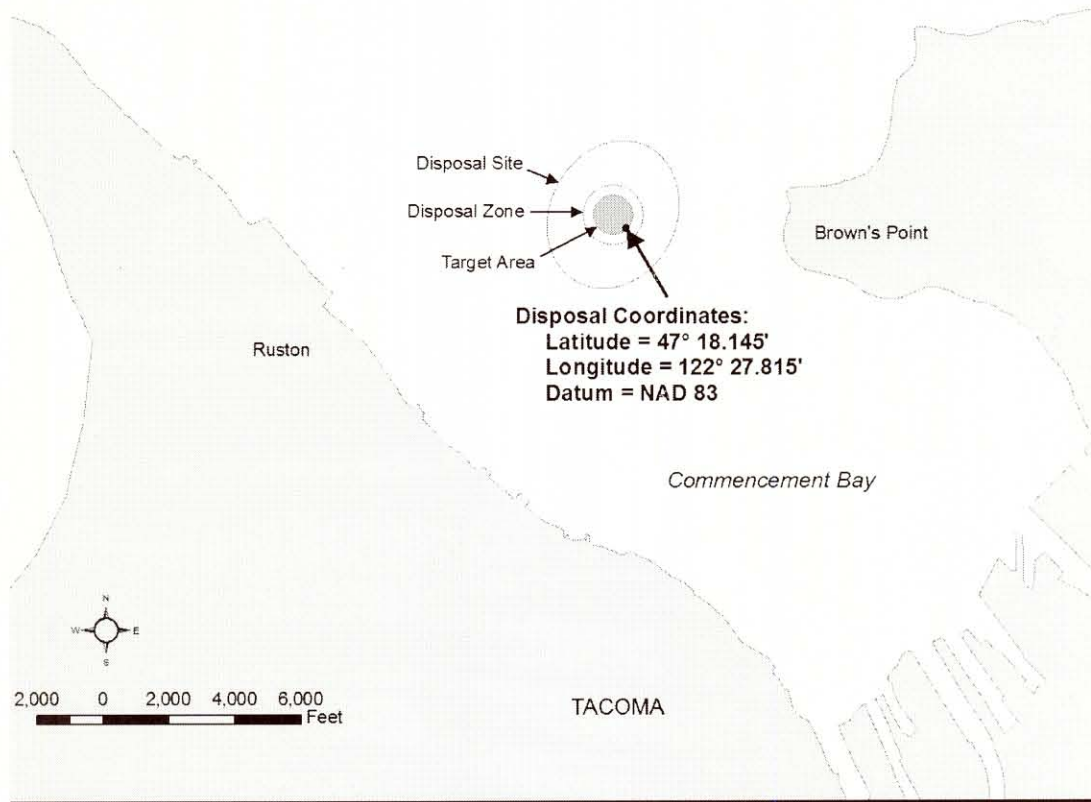


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Disposal Coordinates
Commencement Bay Disposal Site



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