

### **Proposed Certification for a Wetland Mitigation Bank in Pacific County**

Interested parties are notified the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is considering the certification of the Long Beach Wetland Mitigation Bank in Pacific County.

#### **Overview**

Ecology is seeking public comment regarding a proposal to construct and operate a privately-owned, 76-acre wetland mitigation bank near Long Beach, Wash. A wetland bank is a site where wetlands are restored, created, enhanced or preserved before unavoidable, authorized wetland losses occur. The Long Beach Wetland Mitigation Bank is designed to provide for sale to the general public high-quality consolidated, watershed-based compensatory mitigation. Wetland bank credits would be available – subject to regulatory approval – for future projects with unavoidable impacts to wetlands and other aquatic resources.

Ecology will take public comment to evaluate state certification for the proposed bank from Nov. 16, 2012, through Dec. 17, 2012.

#### **Location**

The proposed Long Beach Wetland Mitigation Bank is located east of Ocean Beach Highway (State Route 103), at the end of 148<sup>th</sup> Place. The site is located on parcels 74049901000 and 74049908000 in the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, north of Long Beach, Wash. The bank site is located within Pacific County. For the exact location, **please see the attached project vicinity map.**

#### **Applicant**

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Long Beach Wetland  
Mitigation Bank

**Public Notice Date:**  
November 16, 2012

**Comment Period  
Ends:**  
December 17, 2012

**Send written  
comments to:**  
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SEA Program  
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A more detailed description of the project is available in the *Long Beach Wetland Mitigation Bank Mitigation Banking Instrument*, dated Nov. 6, 2012, available at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/mitigation/banking/public-notice](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/mitigation/banking/public-notice)

Interested parties also can review the document at:

Pacific County Department of  
Community Development  
7013 Sandridge Road  
Long Beach, WA 98631

and

Department of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive, SE  
Lacey, WA 98504

## Existing Conditions

The proposed bank is located within a mature interdunal wetland system extending approximately 15 miles along the length of the Long Beach Peninsula. The bank site contains a Category II wetland in the western portion of the site that is surrounded by forest uplands that meet the Washington Department of Natural Resources' definition of old growth and mature forest. The rest of the site consists of a Category I wetland that extends off-site and is part of the Loomis Lake drainage system.

## Proposed Improvements

The general goal of the bank site design is to preserve a portion of the 61.76-acre category I wetland in the central portion of the site, a 2.59-acre Category II wetland on the western portion of the site as well as valuable old growth and mature forest habitat. Openings in the forested canopy along the western boundary of the Category I wetland will be enhanced by controlling invasive species and planting Western red cedar.

## Proposed Service Area

The proposed service area where mitigation credits may be used covers the coastal plain of the Long Beach Peninsula that do not have an outlet or drain to either Willapa Bay or Pacific Ocean. The southern boundary extends to the base of the headlands, incorporating only those areas within the rolling or level coastal plain of the peninsula. **Please see the attached proposed service area map for the project.**

## Additional Information

For more information about wetland mitigation banking in Washington:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/mitigation/banking/index.html>

To receive updates about wetland mitigation banking in Washington or sign up for Ecology's listserv:

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=wetlands-information>

## Comment and Review Period

Ecology will evaluate all public comments received by 5 p.m., Dec. 17, 2012, to determine whether it would be in the public interest to certify the bank. Comments can be made by email or convention mail to:

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P.O. Box 47600  
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To request a public hearing on the proposed bank certification, submit your request in writing to Ecology before the end of the comment period. Any request for a public hearing must include the reason why a public hearing is warranted.

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**LOCATION MAP**

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**PROJECT VICINITY MAP**

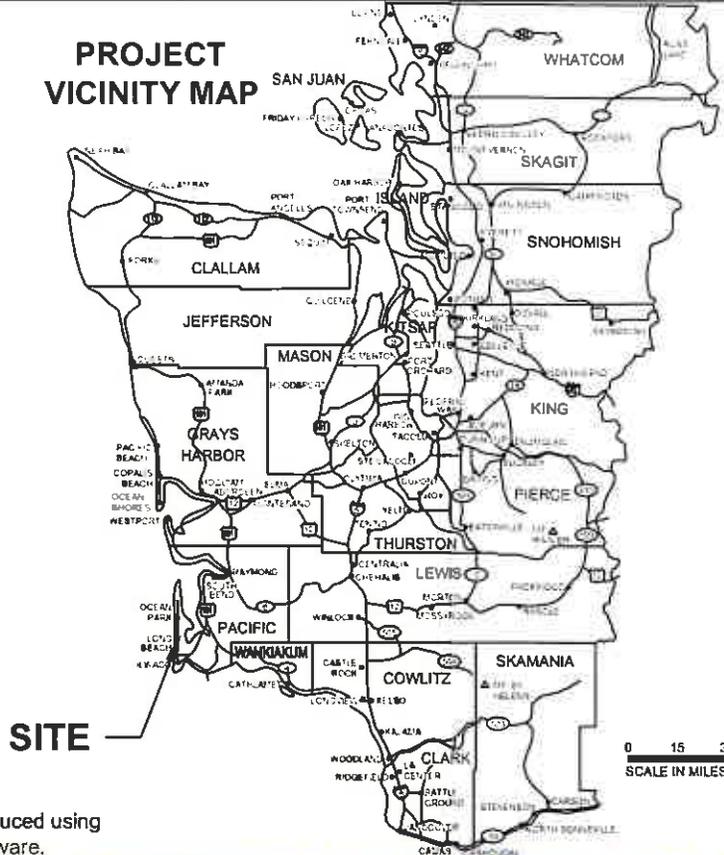
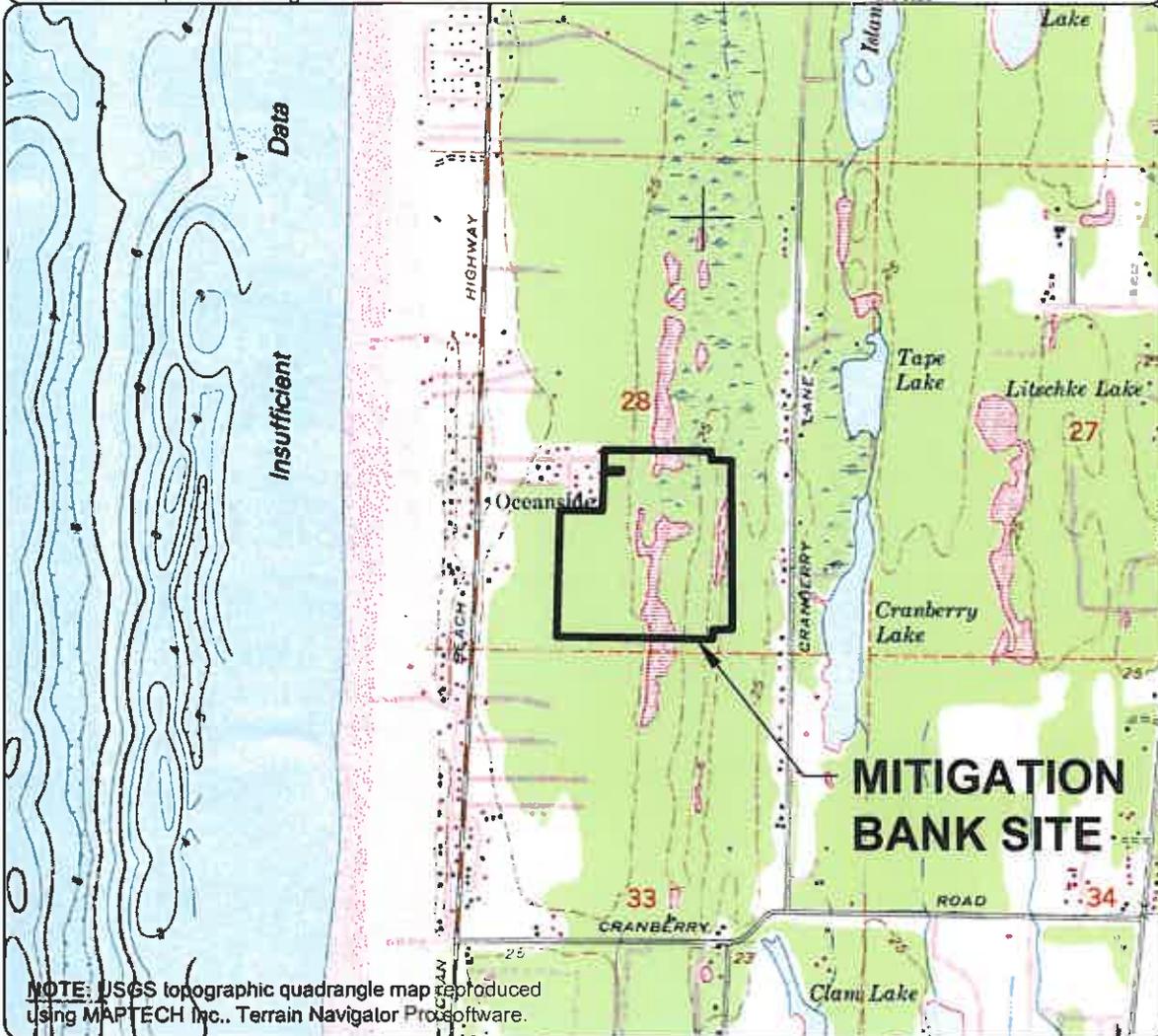


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 VICINITY MAP

Long Beach Mitigation Bank  
 LBMB, Inc.

Pacific County, Washington  
 Section 28, Township 11N, Range 11W, W.M.

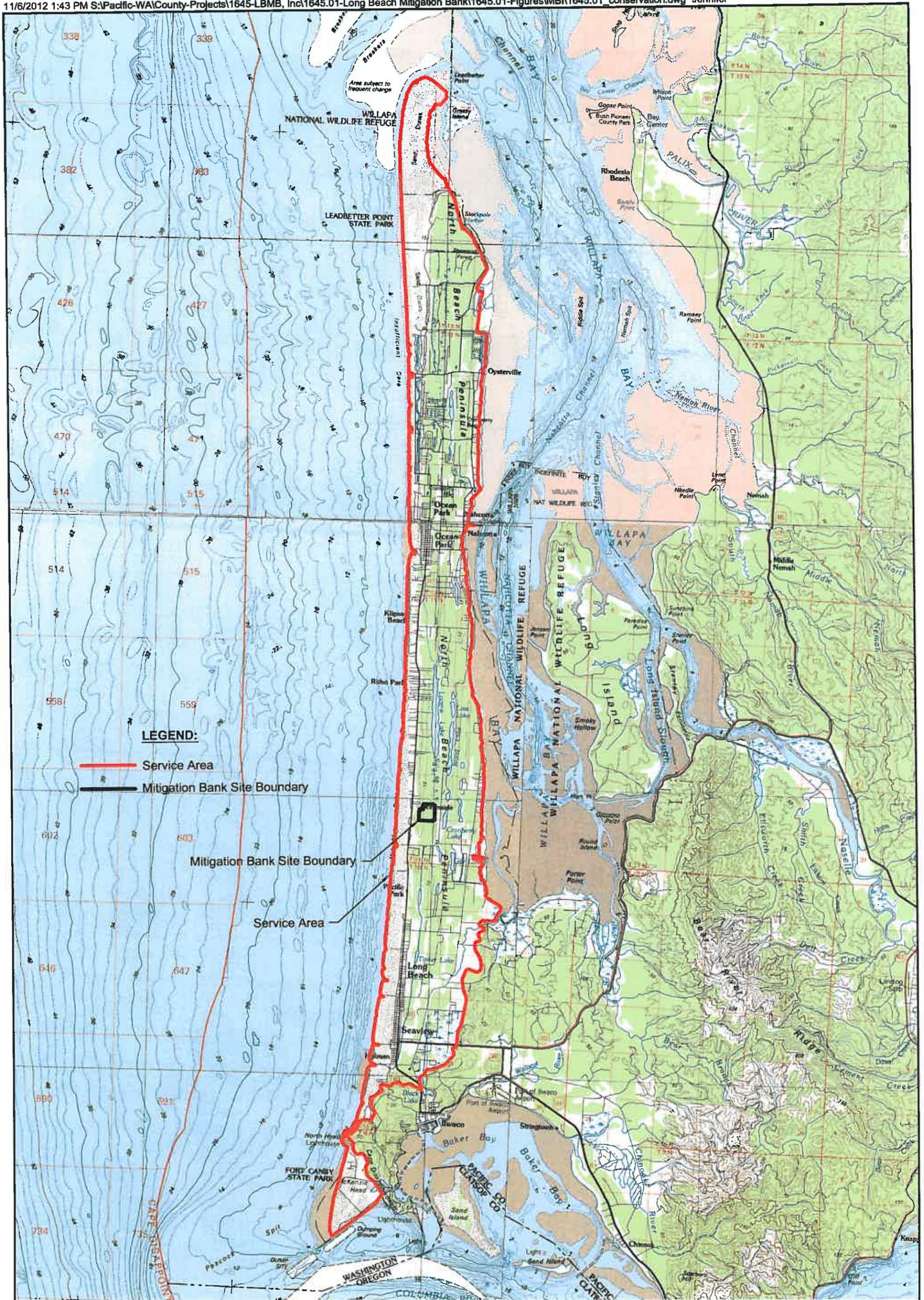
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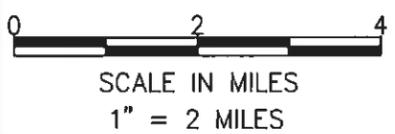


**LEGEND:**

- Service Area
- Mitigation Bank Site Boundary

Mitigation Bank Site Boundary

Service Area



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**SERVICE AREA**  
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