

State Environmental Policy Act
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of Proposal: The Port of Longview (Port) is proposing renewal of a 10-year United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) maintenance dredge permit to maintain the authorized depths at its Berths, Columbia River Mile (RM) 66-67.5, and the Willow Grove boat basin RM 56. Additionally, the Port proposed to expand the berth dredging footprint to conduct a onetime deepening, and ongoing maintenance of an area behind the barge dock at Berth 9 (upstream of Berth 8) to an authorized depth of -43+2 CRD. All dredged materials are proposed to be placed in-water at one of four identified downstream locations based on the United States Army Corps of Engineer's guidelines. However, in the event the in-water sites are unavailable, the Port is proposing to place material upland at an existing dredge disposal site at Willow Grove Park. The upland placement site will be permitted through local and state agencies under a separate permit action, if needed. Untreated wood fender piles at Berths 1 through 7 will be replaced, as necessary, as part of the proposed maintenance activities.

The Port proposes to conduct the following actions:

1. Perform maintenance dredging at the Port berths and at Willow Grove, removing on average a total of 28,000 cubic yards (cy) of material per year, with an allowance to remove up to 40,000 cy per year should conditions dictate. The total quantity of maintenance dredging over the 10-year term of the permit shall not exceed 300,000cy.
2. Place dredged materials in off-site, in-water placement sites located in both Oregon and Washington.
3. In the event the approved in-water placement sites within Oregon and Washington are not available, place dredged material at the previously utilized upland dredged material placement site located in Willow Grove Park.
4. Expand the berth dredging footprint to deepen an area behind the pier at Berth 9 (adjacent to and upstream of Berth 8), to an authorized depth of -43+2 CRD. This will entail a one-time dredging event to remove up to 10,000 cy over an area of approximately 11,000 square feet for more efficient vessel maneuverability.
5. Implement a sediment core collection program by 2022 to comply with the USACE Portland District's Sediment Evaluation Framework, addressing a data recency expiration in 2023.
6. Replace wooden fender piles damaged during dredging activities on an as-needed basis to maintain existing conditions.
7. Replace riprap at the Willow Grove Boat Basin that may become inadvertently dislodged or destabilized during maintenance dredging activities on an as-needed basis to maintain existing.

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Location of Proposal: Port berths are located in the Columbia River at RM 66 to 67.5, 10 Port Way, in Longview, Cowlitz County, Washington: Sections 8 and 9, Township 7 North, Range 2 West.

The Willow Grove Park and boat basin is located in the Columbia River at RM 58, at 7235 Willow Grove Road Longview, Cowlitz County, Washington: Section 17, Township 8 North, Range 3 West.

USACE approved in-water placement locations in Oregon are located between RM 56.2 to 59.9 (OR-59.9, OR-57.8, OR 56.2), and in Washington at WA-56.1.

Lead Agency: Port of Longview

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.


This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) on April 29, 2020; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below.

Comments must be submitted by: May 12, 2020

Project documents can be found at:

<https://www.portoflongview.com/212/State-Environmental-Policy-Act-SEPA>

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