

Invitation to Bid (“ITB”)
Port of Astoria
Marine Contractor Services for
Port of Astoria Dredging:
West Basin Marina and Pier 3 Boatyard Haul-Out

Response to Questions

September 9, 2026

- 1 Please confirm who is responsible for the cost of the pre-and-post hydrographic surveys required? Are these surveys required to be performed by a third party?

Response:

- The Port will hire and pay a third party contractor to perform the hydrographic surveys.

- 2 Has [the] PSET team been notified and/or characterized the material, so it is suitable for in water disposal?

Response:

- With respect to the Boatyard Haul Out Dredging, in-water disposal has been fully approved by DSL and the Corps:
 - **DSL:** [pdf file] page 103 (“Authorization to Conduct Removal and/or Fill”) of Exhibit 3 (Permits) provides that “ This permit authorizes the placement of up to 525,000 cubic yards in the flow lane of the Columbia River and removal of up to 525,000 cubic yards of material in T8N R10W Section 12A, Tax Lot 100 within the Columbia River in Clatsop County . . .”.
 - **Corps:** The *Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET) Level 2A dredged material suitability determination memorandum (SDM)*, page 1, documents “. . . the consensus of the PSET agencies regarding the suitability of the dredge prism (DP) and post-dredge surface (PDS) sediments in the project for unconfined, aquatic placement and unconfined, aquatic exposure, respectively.”
- With respect to the West Basin Marina, in-water disposal has been fully approved by DSL, but the Port is awaiting Corps approval:
 - **DSL:** “Permittee shall dispose of dredged material in the designated location shown on Enclosure 1. No material shall be placed during the slack following ebb tide. After each 10,000 cubic yards of material placement, the end of the discharge pipe shall be moved a minimum of 500-600 feet from its previous location. In addition, the location of the discharge pipe shall alternate from one side of the placement area to the other for each move.” ([pdf file] page 116, 127 of Exhibit 3).
 - **Corps:** In-water disposal was approved in the original permit (the one included with Exhibit 3). However, because the Port submitted a modification request for this permit (to modify the area covered), a new in-water disposal authorization is now required in order to secure approval for the permit modification. To this end, the Port has completed the sediment sampling and drafted

(via third party consultant) the Sediment Characterization Report (SCR), which is currently under review by the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET). The Port anticipates approval of the SCR and issuance of the permit modification prior to commencement of the dredging work sometime in December.

- 3 Please confirm that metered water quality monitoring is required every 2 hours during dredging? If so, please consider changing to one- or two-times during dredging and if WQ standards are met after several days, the method can be switched to visual only.

Response:

- The selected contractor must comply with all conditions of the 401 Water Quality Certification contained in the permit package (Exhibit 3).

4 Contractor Permit Compliance Obligations Overview

- The Contractor's obligations with respect to permit compliance include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - The contractor is responsible for all compliance responsibilities for in-water dredging operations, including providing a dredge operations and pollution control plan, a traffic control plan, turbidity monitoring, daily reports, photographs, biological observations, and all applicable Special Conditions of the permits and enclosures. All compliance information will be sent to the Port weekly, and the Port will submit the required reporting to the applicable agencies.
 - The Port will conduct a pre-dredge meeting with applicable permitting agencies and submit all compliance notifications and required reports.
 - The Contractor shall submit the Dredge Operations and QC Plan to the Port at least 30 calendar days prior to the PSET pre-dredge meeting to allow sufficient time for Port and agency review, comments, feedback, and incorporation of any required revisions before dredging begins. The Contractor is also responsible for promptly notifying the Port of any permit exceedance, environmental incident, spill, turbidity exceedance, unexpected biological observation, noncompliance, or other condition requiring corrective action or agency notification. All required compliance documentation shall be maintained by the Contractor and provided to the Port at least weekly, or more frequently when required by the permit, contract documents, or an environmental incident.