



Final Meeting Notes

Gateway Pacific Terminal, Multi-Agency Permit (MAP) Team

Site Visit Discussion

February 17, 2011

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Location Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project Site, Cherry Point, Whatcom County, WA

Purpose To view site and have open discussion

Site Visit

Pacific International Terminals, Inc. hosted a site visit for MAP team members. The morning (10 a.m. to Noon) was spent visiting the project site, and the early afternoon (12:30 to 2:00 p.m.) included lunch and open discussion and questions. Handouts include Figures 1 and 2 and site plan with field trip stops (posted to website).

Site visit attendance is shown in the table below. Those who stayed for the post-visit discussion are indicated with an '*' after their names.

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Post-visit Discussion

The following issues were brought up for discussion:

1. Defining the roadside ditches and waterways, and natural versus artificial, is important. WDFW will be determining this.
2. The information documents, which will be provided to the MAP team on February 28, will provide initial information on the proposed project. The project proponent will look to the MAP team to help identify gaps and areas that need further analysis.
3. The JARPA application, to be submitted on February 28, will not be a 'draft' application, but it is expected that the application will be revised later to reflect refinements to the proposed project, including information in discipline reports produced for the EIS. The JARPA is intended to initiate formal Corps and Whatcom County environmental review processes.
4. The JARPA will include the permitted alignment of the trestle and wharf. There has been discussion in Settlement Agreement talks of moving the wharf approximately 1,000 feet to the southeast, but this has not been finalized. The project documents to be released in February will include the original proposed location.
5. The project proponent has provided a draft request for proposal (RFP) to the Corps; this will be completed and released by the Corps to identify a third party consultant who will conduct the environmental review studies and completed documents.
6. The Lummi Nation has concerns about natural and cultural resources. The proposed project will preclude access to traditional fishing grounds. The tribe and company will be meeting on March 2 to discuss issues.
7. Input and updates regarding the website include the following:
 - a. Compile a master list of what is contained on the website.
 - b. Highlight newly posted documents and additions.
 - c. Clearly indicated old and revised versions of documents.
 - d. There was a problem saving documents from the website.
 - e. There is now a public section of the GPT MAP team website, and information and link will be posted to the ORA website. The public site will not have all the pages available to the MAP team, but will have project history and library, and a few other pages.
 - f. The website can be used to post agency information needs and critical issues that need to be addressed so that an agency can move forward.
 - g. A comment and response page will be developed for feedback on documents. This will be ready for the February 28 release of documents.
8. The vessel traffic study will be initiated when a consultant has been identified in the near future. The study is expected to take approximately five months. Marine mammal impacts will be included in the evaluation.
9. BP performed a pier study – will this be used as background for the GPT site? *This may provide some background information, but the scope was different from the GPT project.*
10. Will propeller wash and water quality be evaluated? *There are some requirements outlined in the Settlement Agreement that include mitigation and monitoring.*
11. Will there be sediment sampling for the project? *Yes, the Settlement Agreement requires marine sampling and the sampling and analysis plan is being worked on and will be*



reviewed by Ecology (Bellingham Field Office). Ecology has sediment staff based in Lacey.

12. Federal and state public information rules differ. Keep in mind that information on the website can be released under the freedom of information act (FOIA).
13. The project proponent has conducted cultural resource studies that will be provided to the Corps. These include sensitive information that is not to be discussed, even in general terms.
14. The regulatory process diagram and milestones are being worked on, and will be posted to the website and discussed at the March 17 meeting. The diagram is intended to help define critical paths and order of events, including what is required to complete different steps.
15. Air permits are often critical path. The air permit process would begin toward the end of the EIS process when the project is well defined and discipline studies completed and evaluated in the EIS. The air permit is needed for Coastal Zone Management review.
16. The first public announcement for the Corps process will be 'Notice of Intent' to conduct a NEPA EIS process. This will initiate the formal scoping process.
17. The DNR has produced a summary of Cherry Point (Aquatic Reserve) Management Plan points that pertain to the proposed action. They will share this with the MAP team.
18. Important project topics include: wetlands, storm water, and marine environment.

Future Meetings

The March 17 meeting will be 4 hours (meeting notice has been sent; contact Jane if you have not received it), with approximately half spent on discussion of project documents, and an hour or so each on regulatory process diagram and schedule, and on MAP team documents.

In-depth topic meetings will be set up in April and May, and notices will be sent out for the meetings. Preferred start time is 9 a.m. These meetings will occur during early project scoping, and specific topics will be discussed during the March meeting. Potential meeting dates are listed below:

- April 13 or 14
- April 28
- May 10, 11 or 12
- May 25 or 26

The EPA and NMFS representatives cannot attend the March 17 meeting; a need for a wetland briefing was brought up toward the end of the group discussion.

Action Items

During the meeting, the following action items were identified:

- ORA – Act on website comments from team (item 7).
- DNR – Provide summary of Cherry Point Management Plan points that pertain to the proposed action.
- DNR – Provide the 1992 aquatic lease application to post to the GPT MAP team website.



- ORA – Set up a 1-hour wetland briefing following the March 17 meeting for EPA and other interested MAP team members.
- ORA – Send notices for April and May MAP team meetings.