



Quarterly Report #2

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project

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This quarterly report for the GPT MAP Team covers work conducted during April, May, and June 2011. Project details are available on the GPT MAP Team website:

https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/22844/default.aspx

Accomplishments and Updates

- ▶ Major Milestones
 - The Major Project Permit (MPP) application was submitted by SSA Marine to Whatcom County. June 6, 2011
 - The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued their determination for need of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental impact statement (EIS). June 13, 2011
 - Whatcom County issued a determination of incomplete MPP application and requirement for a new Shoreline Substantial Development Permit. June 23, 2011
 - Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued an Aquatic Lands Right of Entry for sediment monitoring work. June 30, 2011
- ▶ MAP Team Communications
 - Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Whatcom County began discussions regarding State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) co-lead or agency with expertise status.
 - SSA Marine proposed including Settlement Agreement (SA) appellants in MAP Team technical review meetings for documents that are relevant to SA requirements.
 - Conducted MAP Team meetings #2 and #3, and smaller multi-agency meetings for various issues. (Further details in table, below.)
 - Postponed two MAP Team meetings since preliminary documents were not ready for team review and discussion.
 - Created MAP Team sub-committees to allow for smaller, more specialized MAP meetings around specific topics.
- ▶ General Public Communications
 - E-mail communications to some MAP Team members initiated on April 27, 2011, were generated by an electronic petition that CommunityWise Bellingham set up for both



- Bellingham and Whatcom County residents. Through June, over 600 automated e-mails had been generated.
- Governor Gregoire and ORA received letters from various groups and individuals about the GPT project and MAP Team. These letters and responses will be posted to a public information tab on the website when that is set up. Letters included the following:
 - City of Bellingham regarding proposal that Ecology take the SEPA lead and that the City be included on the MAP Team.
 - Salish Land Policy Solutions regarding access to and transparency of the MAP Team and GPT MAP website.
 - Physicians associated with WhatcomDocs on health concerns regarding the proposed GPT project.
 - A General Interest tab on the GPT MAP Team website was set up to help address public communications to the MAP Team. An approach to the use and function of this tab is being developed.
 - ▶ **MAP Tools Developed**
 - Website has excess of 150 registered users.
 - Final standard operating procedures posted to website for MAP Team.
 - Draft matrix of reports, reviewers, and sub-committees developed to show concordance with various regulatory requirements and roles of agencies.
 - Regulatory process diagram and milestones refined to illustrate multi-agency processes and decision points.
 - Tentative schedule updated as key dates are confirmed by responsible agencies.
 - ▶ **Early Project Review Continued**
 - Agencies provided comments (April 7) on preliminary documents posted to website on February 28, 2011. Draft comments were finalized and posted for public access.
 - Work plans for marine biota and sediment field work were provided for MAP Team review, and agencies submitted comments.
 - ▶ **Permit Processes Streamlined**
 - MAP Team members assisted in quick review and turnaround of permit applications for preliminary field work.
 - Decisions and determinations issued by MAP agencies regarding NEPA, SEPA, county permits, and state permits.



► Key Meetings

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcomes
4/26/2011	County, Ecology and NWCAA	To discuss SEPA and green house gas (GHG) issues with agencies.	County communicated interest in having Ecology as SEPA co-lead. Ecology stated that transportation is key GHG issue. NWCAA will regulate direct emissions from stationary sources. County requests that MAP agencies be involved in SEPA pre-draft review.
4/28/2011	MAP Team Meeting #2	To become familiar with operations at GPT project and discuss marine environment.	MAP team shared status of various determinations and processes. Company provided detailed overview and slides on types of activities that could be part of the GPT marine facility. MAP team discussed issues and provided input related to marine environment.
5/12/2011	MAP Team Meeting #3	To work on coordinated decision-making process and discuss agency comments on studies.	MAP team discussed public input and use of the website. Company provided framework for tracking how reports and studies address different requirements. MAP team provided additional input and direction for regulatory framework and milestones. MAP Team requested direct responses to agency comments provided in April 2011.
5/18/2011	Community Meetings	To brief community groups, Re-sources and CommunityWise Bellingham, on MAP team and listen to concerns.	ORA heard more about specific concerns from two community groups heavily involved in review of the GPT project.

Schedule

The following provides status of milestones against project schedule. The information is tracked against next steps listed in the last quarterly report and the latest tentative project schedule, dated April 22, 2011.

Original Date/ Actual Date	Milestone	Explanation
4/28/2011	MAP Meeting #2	Held according to updated tentative schedule.
~5/10/2011/ 6/13/2011	USACE Determination	Additional review required by the USACE specific to BNSF project component.
5/12/2011	MAP Meeting #3	Held according to updated tentative schedule.
5/25/2011/ 8/10/2011	MAP Meeting #4	May and June meetings postponed due to lack of preliminary documents for review.
No date/ 6/6/2011	County Permit Process Initiated	Met April to July timeframe goal.
No date/ 6/23/2011	Whatcom County Determination	Met April to July timeframe goal.



Moving Forward

These are known goals for the next three to four months:

Task	Timeframe
NEPA and SEPA EIS process and formal scoping	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalize Ecology and County decision on SEPA co-lead status	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Request for Proposal (RFP) published for EIS contractor	July/August
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Memo of Understanding (MOU) between lead agencies regarding NEPA/SEPA co-lead	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none">EIS consultant selected	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Notice of Intent to prepare EIS – Corps	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scoping process	October
Field investigations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marine biota baseline survey – final work plan and field work	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sediment sampling – final work plan and field work	July
MAP Team meetings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive briefing	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">3-4 MAP Team meetings and/or sub-committee meetings to discuss project issues and specialized topics	July to September
Draft reports or work plans available for agency review and comment (Q3 2011)	July/August/September
Revise MAP Team schedule	September