



## Quarterly Report #3

### 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 July, August, and September 2011. Project details are available on the GPT MAP Team website:

[https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias\\_1357/22844/default.aspx](https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/22844/default.aspx)

### Accomplishments and Updates

- ▶ Major Milestones
  - Agency approvals were issued for marine biology and sediment investigation field work conducted in July and August. June 28 and 30, 2011
  - Applicant provided final marine biology monitoring plan and response to agency comments on sediment implementation plan. July 14 and August 4, 2011.
  - Whatcom County (County) and WA Department of Ecology (Ecology) finalized a co-lead agreement for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process. July 15, 2011.
  - Unauthorized wetlands clearing by the applicant resulted in warning and violation notices from the County, Ecology, Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). August 3, 2011.
- ▶ MAP Team Communications
  - No MAP Team meetings were held this quarter. Planned meetings were cancelled due to lack of preliminary documents from applicant.
  - In September, some of the team attended a tour of Westshore Terminals in Delta, B.C.
  - The National Environmental Policy Act/State Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA) leads, USACE, County, and Ecology, met regularly to coordinate development of co-lead agreements, including memorandum of understanding (MOU) and request for proposal (RFP) for environmental impact statement (EIS) consultant.
- ▶ General Public Communications
  - ORA met with Salish Land Policy Solutions to hear about MAP process concerns.
  - Letters from Skagit County, Whatcom Docs, and Salish Law were responded to and posted to the website for MAP Team information.



- ▶ **MAP Tools**
  - The website has excess of 185 registered users.
  - The website was reorganized to improve use.
  - The tentative project schedule was replaced with two tools for tracking milestones: completed and pending.
  - The regulatory process diagram, concordance review matrix, report review schedule, and MAP Team subcommittees were updated.
- ▶ **Early Project Review Continued**
  - WDNR and Ecology provided review and comments on sediment implementation plan.
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) provided input on stream classification.
- ▶ **Permit Processes Streamlined (issued in June, but not noted in previous quarter's report)**
  - USACE issued determination regarding Nationwide Permit Coverage for sediment sampling.
  - WDNR issued permission for sediment sampling.
- ▶ **Key Meetings**

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Outcomes
7/5/2011	County and Ecology	Discuss SEPA and co-lead issues	Further discussion of County and Ecology co-lead details for SEPA EIS.
9/20/2011	Field Trip – Westshore Terminals, B.C.	View Westshore coal terminal and discuss proposed project	MAP Team learning and discussion of similarities and differences with proposed GPT project.
9/22/2011	Community Meeting	Listen to concerns from Salish Land Policy Solutions	ORA heard about concerns regarding MAP Team process and public input.

## Completed Milestones

The following provides status of milestones. This information is tracked using the 'Moving Forward' table in the last quarterly report and the completed milestones on the GPT MAP Team website ([https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias\\_1357/27378/tools.aspx](https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/27378/tools.aspx)).

Date	Milestone/Event	Explanation
TBD (last set: 5/25/2011)	MAP Meeting #4	Meeting postponed due to lack of preliminary documents for review.
6/28-8/1/2011	Agency Comments on Draft Sediment Implementation Plan	Agencies provided comments as follows: DNR 6/28 and 8/22, County 6/30, ECY 7/11 and 8/1.
6/28/2011	Coverage Under Nationwide Permit #6	USACE issued related to sediment sampling.
6/30/2011	Aquatic Lands Right of Entry (Sediment Sampling)	WDNR issued.
7/14/2011	Final Marine Biology Monitoring Plan	Provided by applicant. Final plan posted w/ response to comments.



Date	Milestone/Event	Explanation
7/15/2011	Ecology and County SEPA Co-leads	Letters from agencies on co-lead relationship
8/4/2011	Response to Agency Comments on Sediment Plan	Provided by applicant.
8/3-9/23/2011	Unauthorized Wetlands Clearing – Warning and Violation Notices	Warning and Violation notices included the following: County 8/3 and 8/17, Ecology 8/4 and 9/23, WDNR 8/12.
8/19-9/19/2011	Revise MAP Team Schedule	Replaced 'Tentative Schedule' with 'Completed Milestones' and 'Pending Milestones.'
9/12/2011	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Terrestrial Geotechnical Investigation)	Provided by applicant.
9/12/2011	County SEPA Mitigation Determination of Non-significance (MDNS)	Provided by County in relation to Geotechnical Investigation Violations.
9/13/2011	JARPA to USACE for Geotechnical Investigation	Provided by applicant.
9/23/2011	County Approval of SSA Marine Extension Request	Provided by County.
9/26/2011	Ecology MDNS Comments	Provided by Ecology in relation to County MDNS.
9/26/2011	Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) request regarding MDNS	Provided by DAHP in relation to County MDNS.

## Moving Forward

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

Task	Timeframe
NEPA and SEPA EIS process and formal scoping	
• Memo of Understanding (MOU) between lead agencies regarding NEPA/SEPA co-lead	October
• Request for Proposal (RFP) published for EIS contractor	October/November
• EIS consultant selected	December /January
• Notice of Intent to prepare EIS – USACE	December /January
• Scoping process	January/March
MAP Team meetings	
• Executive briefing	December
• 2-3 MAP Team meetings and/or sub-committee meetings to discuss project issues and specialized topics	November /February



Task	Timeframe
Draft reports or work plans available for agency review and comment (Q3 2011)	October/December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic Discipline Report</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bird Habitats and Presence Report</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stream and Fish Report</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marine Habitat Characterization Report</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marine Biota Report</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stormwater Technical Information Report</li></ul>	