



Meeting Notes

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team
Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project
MAP Meeting
April 28, 2011

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Locations Ecology Offices, link via video conference:

- Bellingham – Field Office (Groucho Room)
- Bellevue – Northwest Regional Office (Room 1A&B)
- Lacey – Headquarters/Southwest Regional Office (Room R3A-07)

Purpose Become familiar with operations at the proposed project. Discuss marine environment.

Introduction

This meeting was organized by the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) to review operations at a bulk shipping terminal and to review and discuss marine environment issues. SSA staff took the lead on operations, AMEC staff took the lead on marine environment, and Jane and Scott facilitated discussion on finalizing MAP Team comments and defining next meetings. Materials from the meeting are to the GPT MAP Team website:

https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/site/alias_1357/22878/map_team.aspx

Action Items

The following action items were identified during the meeting:

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) provided findings on streams and ditches at the GPT project site to project proponent. This will be posted to the website.
- DNR will provide input on 'Agency with Expertise' by May 6, 2011.
- Paper copies of documents will be provided to agencies: WA Department of Ecology (Ecology; Barry Wenger and Loree Randall), WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW; Brian Williams), WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR; Cyrilla Cook), Whatcom County (Tyler Schroeder), US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps; Randel), US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA; Krista), and Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA; Dan).
- Most agency comments posted to the 'Internal' tab are considered final and will be moved to public section of website. Ecology (Barry) will confirm that their comments are final by May 6, 2011.



- PowerPoint slides from operations and marine presentations will be posted to the website by end of Monday, May 2.
- Table 5-1 from the Project Information Document (2/28/2011) will be expanded, updated and posted to the website.
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) wetland delineation study provided to MAP Team prior to the May 25 meeting. (Ideally by May 11, but at least by May 18.)
- Agenda for May 12 meeting to be posted to website by April 28.
- Questions to BNSF on train transportation will be included in May 12 meeting.
- A MAP Team meeting will be scheduled for early June to address storm water topics.
- Work plans, sampling plans, and monitoring plans for various studies will be provided to MAP Team for input to ensure they meet federal, state, and local requirements as well as Settlement Agreement, DNR Cherry Point Environment Aquatic Reserve Plan (Aquatic Reserve Plan), and National Environmental Policy Act/State Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA) requirements.

Check-in & Updates

Action Items from past meetings were discussed:

- WDFW and County – WDFW and the County discussed definitions for streams versus ditches on the project site. WDFW submitted a letter on their findings to the project proponent.
- Project Proponent – Various suggestions have been made by agency staff on changes to site to be considered by project proponent as they proceed with studies and preliminary engineering.
- MAP Team – Determine steps for County to formally identify ‘Agency with Expertise’ for SEPA. DNR will provide written input on this, and there have been discussions between the County and Ecology about co-lead status.
- References posted – DNR requested references in their April 6 comment letter, and all but two have been posted to the website.

MAP Team Comments

Agency draft comments on preliminary documents (those posted on February 28, 2011) were submitted for posting to the GPT website on April 7, 2011. Draft comments that are posted to the ‘Internal’ tab should be finalized as soon as possible after discussing the issues with the MAP Team.

Most of the agencies consider these comments final, so final comments will be moved to the public portion of the website. Ecology will finalize their comment letter during the May 2-6 week.

Meeting Topics – The MAP team will continue with early project review during the next few months.

May 12: To include air emissions and transportation (land-based).



May 25: To include wetlands and streams. BNSF wetland delineation will be provided before meeting. Also discuss any updates to marine environment studies and other studies.

June: Date to be set in early to mid June. Topics to include storm water issues.

Operations Overview

Ari Steinberg and Bruce Larson provided an overview of bulk shipping terminal operations. PowerPoint slides will be posted to website by May 2, 2011. Questions were posed during the discussion and were captured in Flip Chart notes, below:

Flip Chart Notes

- Trains over passes – BNSF (information for next meeting)
- Rail transit routes – BNSF (information for next meeting)
- Coal and surfactants – need more information (material safety data sheets)

Marine Environment Discussion

Kristie Dunkin and Melinda Gray presented on various studies and issues associated with marine environment and evaluation. PowerPoint slides will be posted to the website by May 2, 2011. Questions were posed during the discussion and were captured in Flip Chart notes, below:

Flip Chart Notes

- Ships to GPT compared with oil tankers – risk study
 - *The Corps requested that the vessel traffic study include a specific analysis of any increased risk to oil tanker traffic that would be created by increased shipping from the GPT project.*
- Sampling and approval of methods – relevant state, local and federal requirements
 - *Agencies should review/approve draft study work plans to ensure they meet applicable requirements and protocols. Company will provide drafts to agencies prior to field work when appropriate.*
- Feedback on vegetation survey setup – relevant state and federal requirements
 - *Agencies should review/approve draft survey plans to ensure they meet applicable requirements and protocols. Company will provide drafts to agencies prior to field work when appropriate.*
- Settlement Agreement (SA) studies – herring (including viral study), caged mussel
 - *Example of studies that overlap between permit requirements and the SA requirements include herring and caged mussel.*
 - *Two seasons of herring spawning required.*
- DNR Aquatic Reserve Plan and
 - Storm water
 - Herring study (embryo)
 - Caged mussel



- *The above are examples of studies that overlap between permits and DNR reserve plan requirements.*
- *Note: There are likely other overlapping studies. A necessary exercise is to develop a master list of studies and cross-check that master list to SA, Aquatic Reserve Plan, sampling and analysis plan (SAP) requirements, and PID Table 5-1 to ensure all study requirements are met/addressed/covered.*
- Table 5-1 studies – update and expand
 - *Table 5-1 will be updated and expanded, and could become a master list of studies described above (see 'Note').*
- Scour – scour analyses should address the following:
 - Geotech study
 - Wave current
- Ensure studies are comprehensive
 - Work plan reviews – *to ensure scope and description are accurate and capture requirements.*
 - Meet state, local and federal requirements –*should be specifically identified in the study work plans, including required protocols.*
 - DNR (reserve), SA, and NEPA/SEPA –*process should all be looked to for their specific study requirements.*
 - *As noted above, need to ensure studies are comprehensive and cover all needs/requirements documented in SA, SAP and Aquatic Reserve Plan. Study work plans should be developed and provided for agency review/approval.*

Update on Process Diagram & Milestones

We did not cover the update to the regulatory process diagram or schedule, or the draft quarterly report. These will be addressed during the May 12, 2011 MAP Team meeting. MAP Team can review and provide comments via the website as well.

Here is link to PDF of diagram with clickable milestones:

https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ofm/iprmt24/Portals/_1357/images/default/Binder%20Diagram5.pdf.

Some process and schedule issues were discussed during the meeting, as follows:

- The formal scoping process will not begin until the Corps has formally initiated the NEPA process and the County has initiated SEPA.
- The County's official process will begin when they receive an application or pre-application for the project.
- DNR is in their formal review process since they have an application for aquatic lease.
- EPA has not begun their NEPA process and it will begin when the Corps initiates NEPA.
- Other agencies are involved in early project review since the permit processes won't be initiated for some time.