

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE WAC 197-11-970

**Project Name:** Port of Tacoma—TOTE Berth Maintenance Dredge

**Description of proposal:** The Port of Tacoma (Port) proposes to perform maintenance dredging of ship berths at the Port's Totem Ocean Express Terminal (TOTE) to restore the authorized depth of -40 ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). The total estimated dredge volume is 15,000 cubic yards including an incidental 2 foot over dredge allowance (-42 ft MLLW). The dredge material will be sampled and characterized by the Port and the Dredge Material Management Program (DMMP) to determine disposal location. Suitable dredge material will be placed at the Commencement Bay open water dredged material site. Unsuitable material will be placed at an approved upland site. There is no proposed change of use.

**Proponent:** Port of Tacoma

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** The project location is the berth areas of the Port's TOTE Terminal (500 E Alexander Ave Tacoma, WA 98421).

**Lead agency:** Port of Tacoma

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. Additional project and/or State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) information is available upon request at the Port of Tacoma's Administrative building, located at One Sitcum Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98421 or at the Port's website at <http://www.portoftacoma.com/sepa>.

**Comments and Request for Reconsideration:** This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under Chapter 197-11-340(2) Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Pursuant to Port policy, all interested parties shall have fourteen calendar days to comment on the proposed SEPA threshold determination. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen days from the start date of the comment period described below. Comments shall be submitted to the Port of Tacoma, Environmental Programs, C/O Heather Curbow at One Sitcum Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98421 or at the Port's SEPA email address [sepa@portoftacoma.com](mailto:sepa@portoftacoma.com)

**Comment Start Date:** December 21, 2023

**Comment End Date:** January 4, 2023