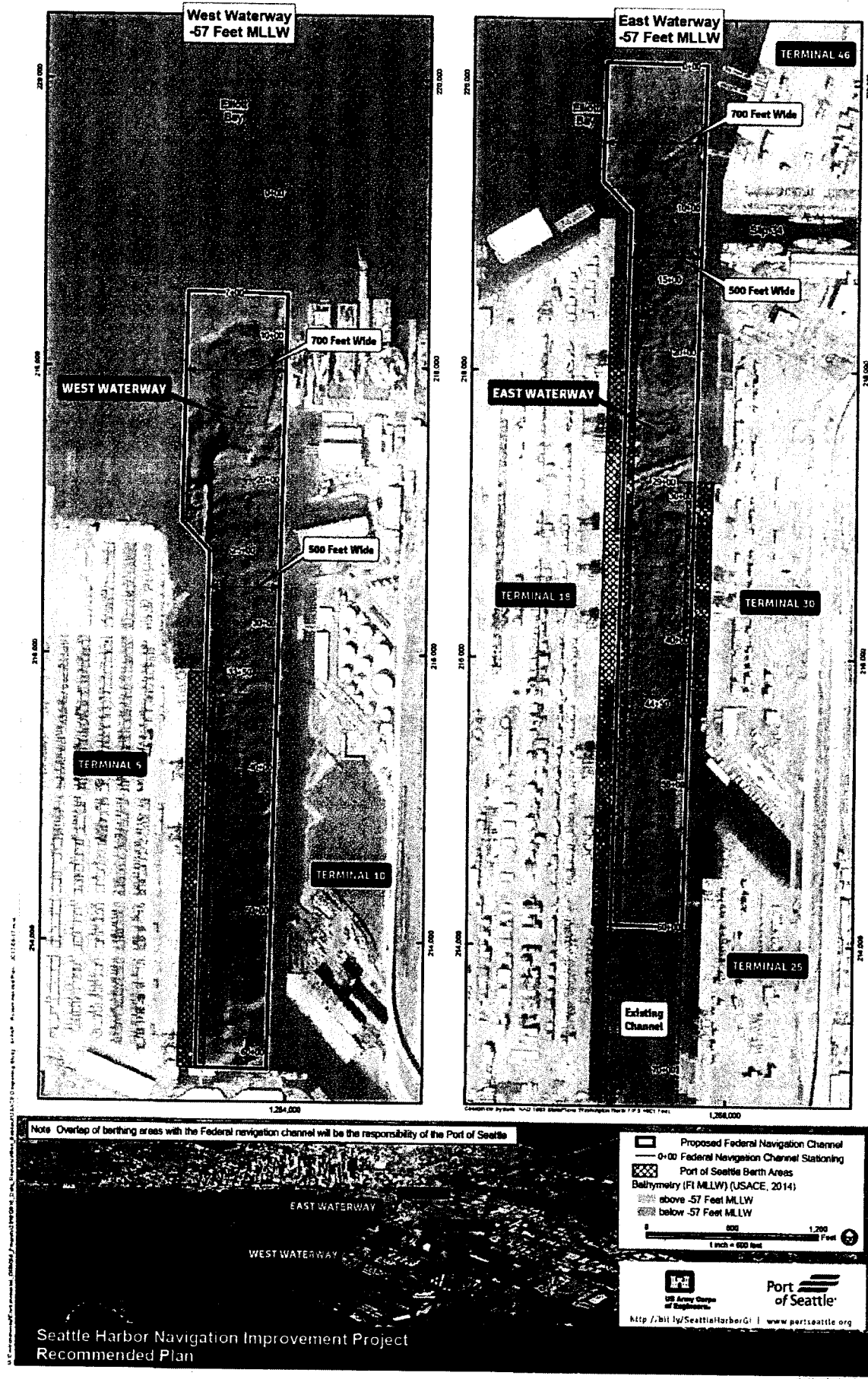


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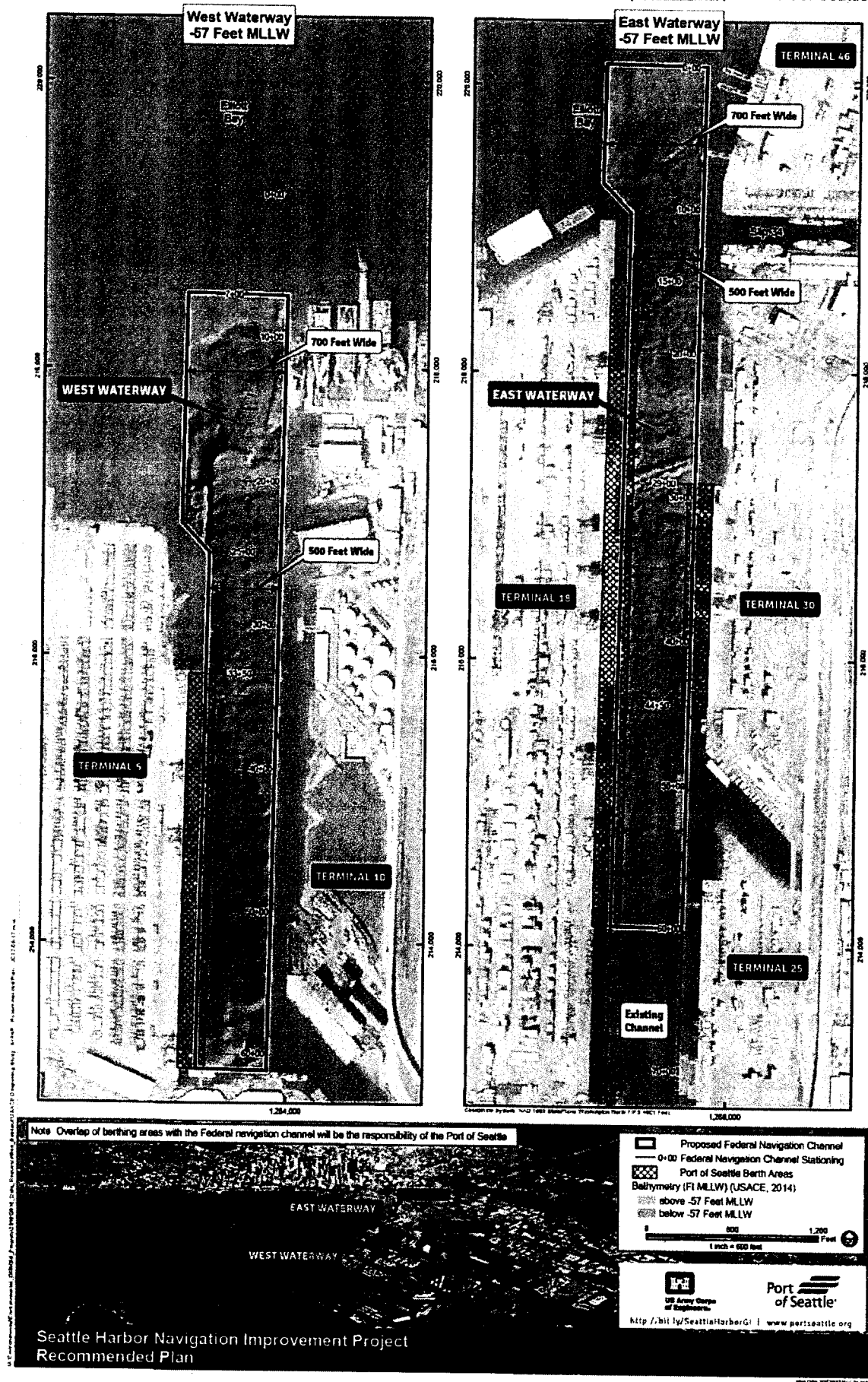
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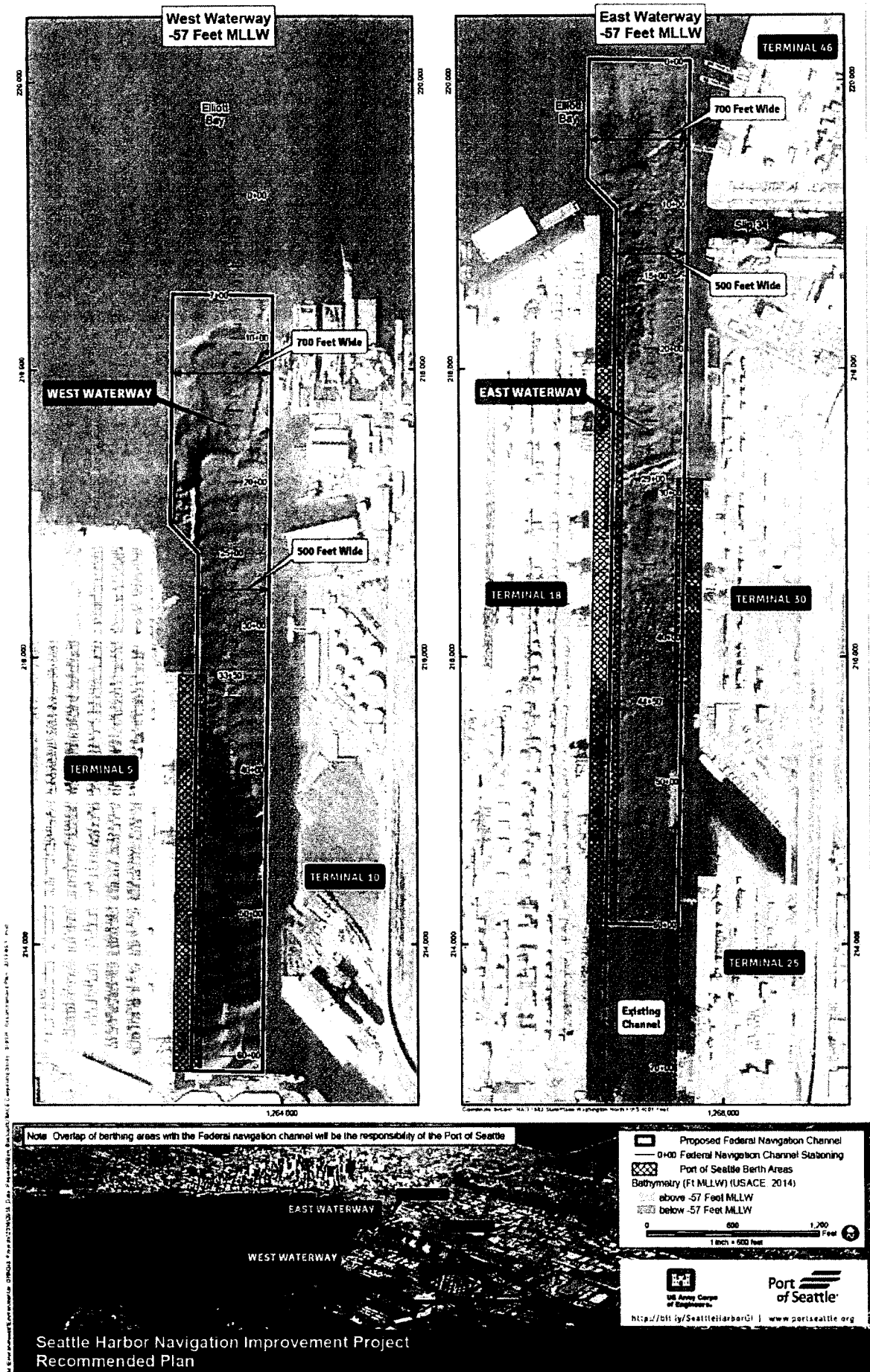
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Its _____

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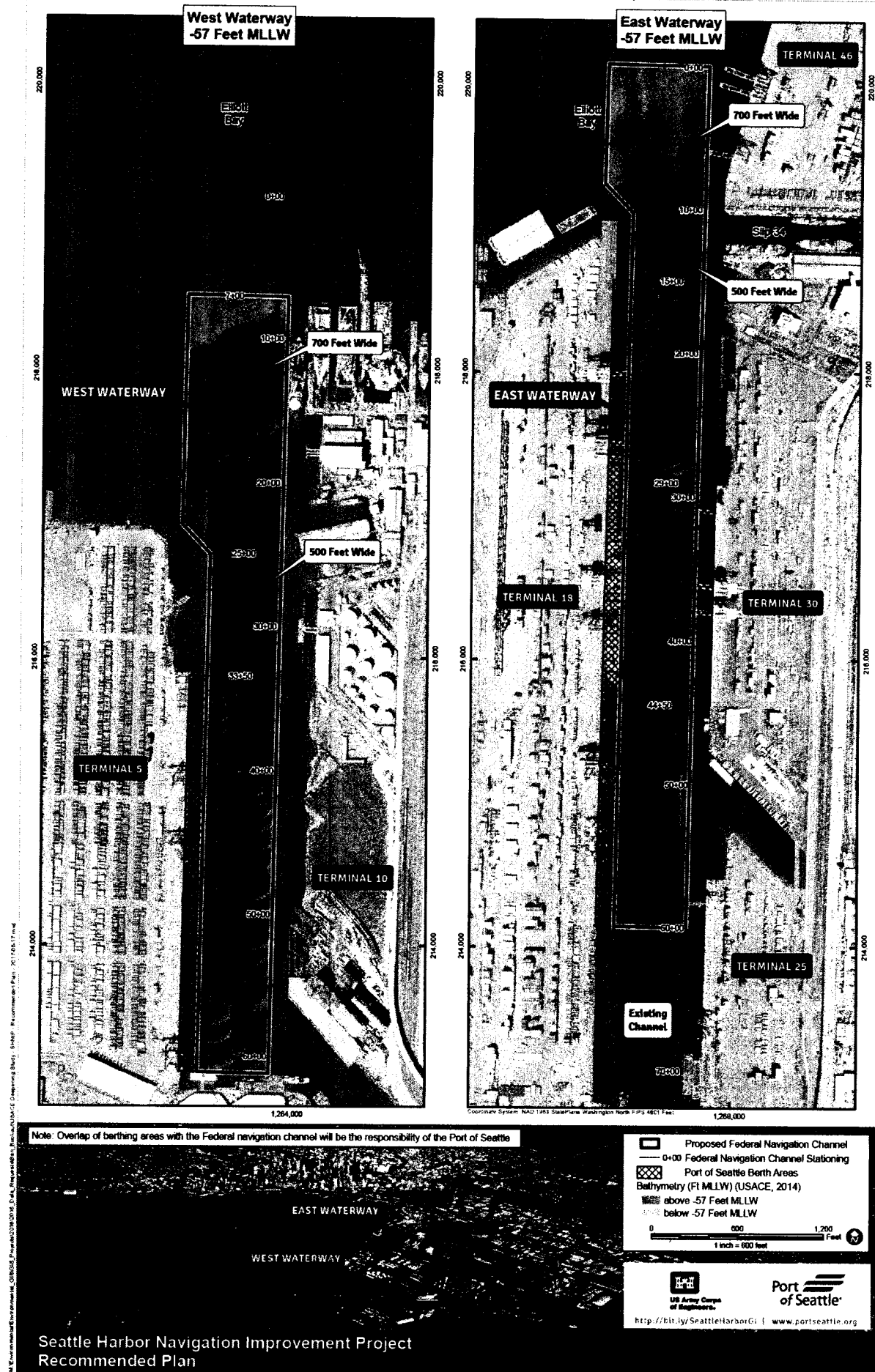
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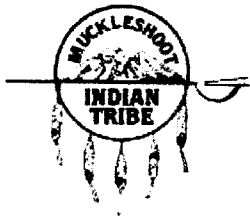
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23 May 2018

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District Commander
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P.O. Box 3755
4735 E. Marginal Way S
Seattle, WA 98124

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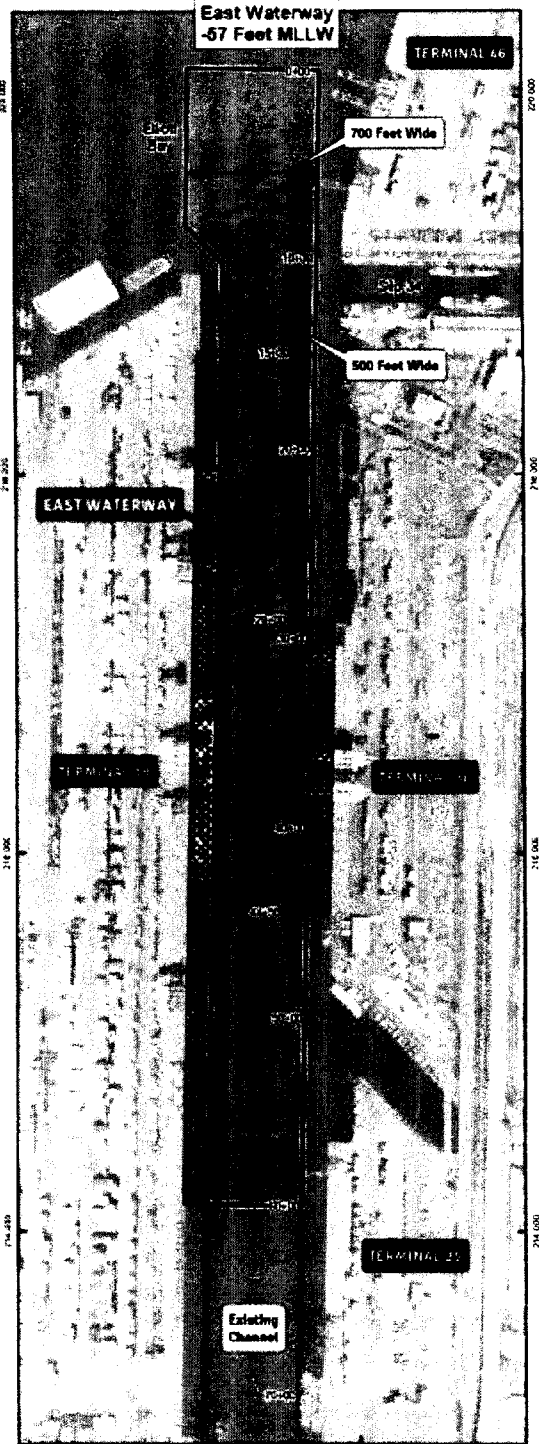
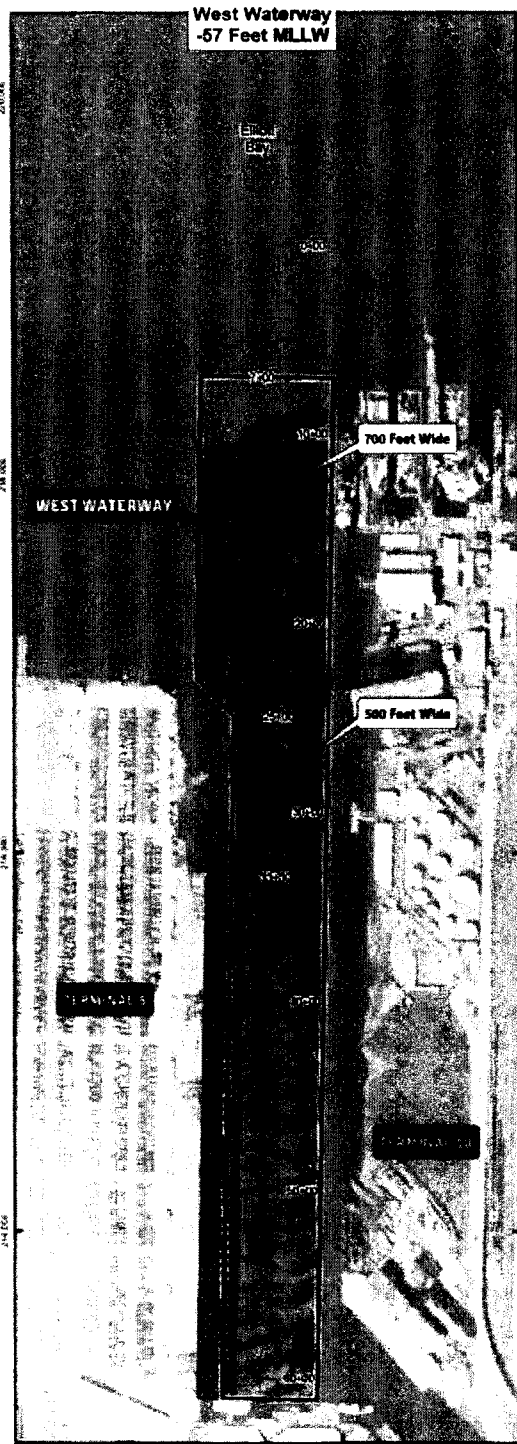
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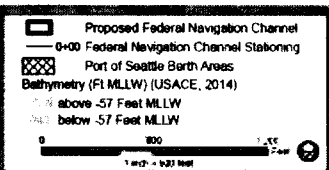
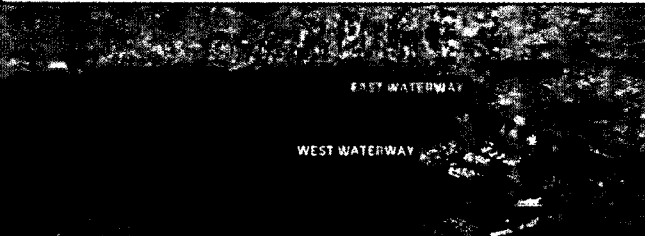
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Sincerely,

Glen R. St. Amant
Habitat Program Manager



Note: Overlap of berthing areas with the Federal navigation channel will be the responsibility of the Port of Seattle



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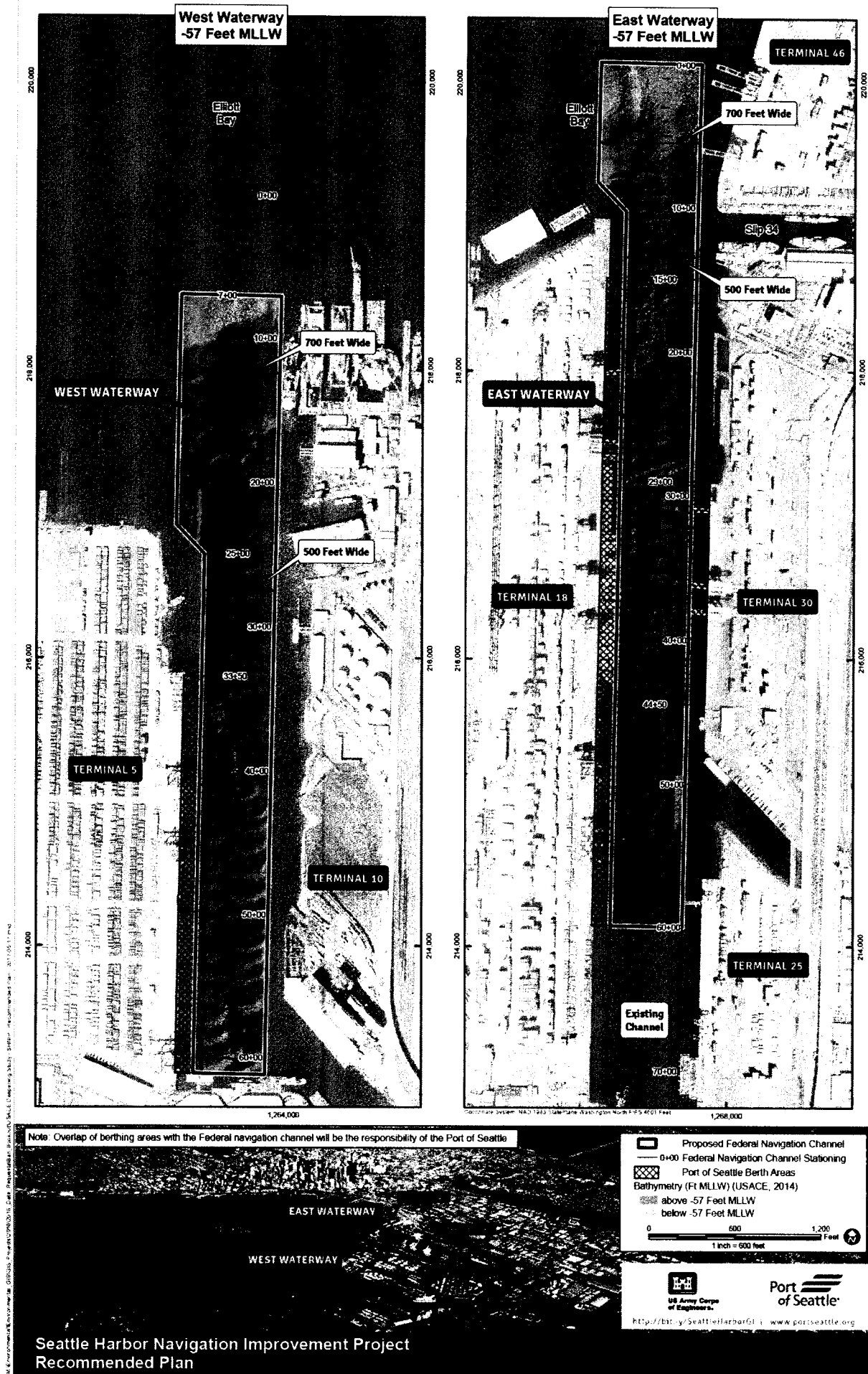
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