

Port of Everett Pacific Terminal Dredging Project

An integrated navigational and environmental cleanup dredging project

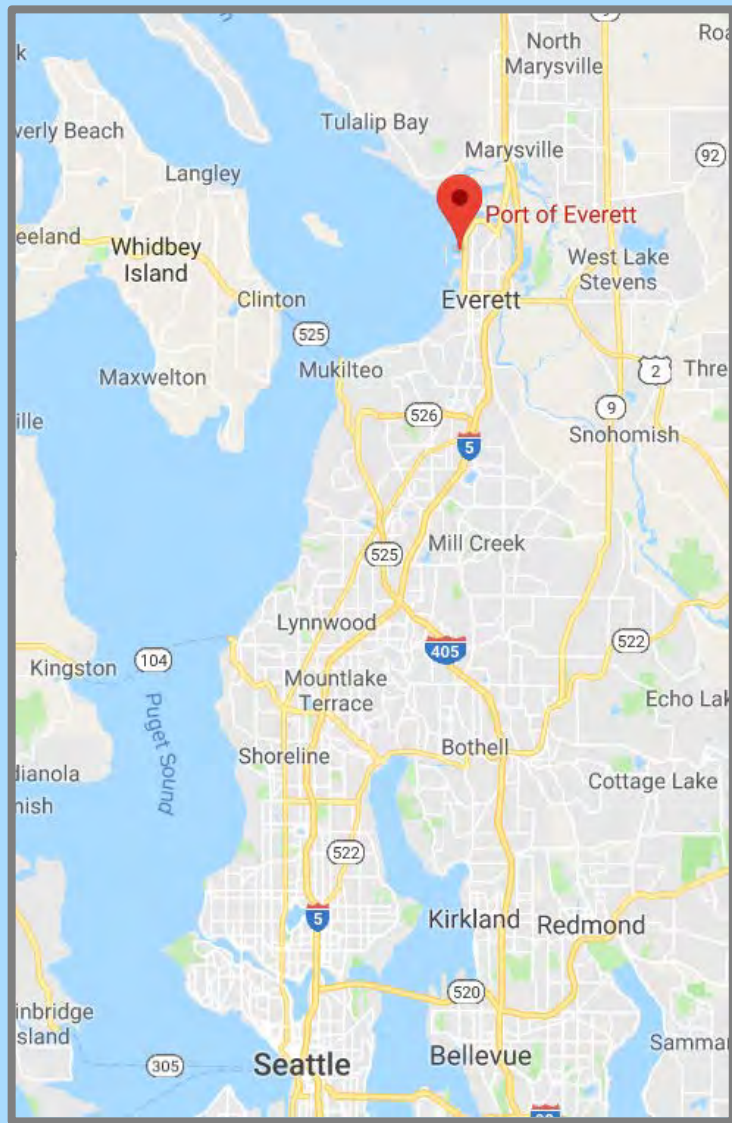


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Port of Everett and the Need/Significance of the Dredging Project...



Port of Everett

Port of Everett's Seaport Facility Expanding Project



Hewitt Terminal

Pier 3

Pier 1

Pacific Terminal
Existing Berth Length: 650'
Berth Length Needed: 700'

Approximate Area to be Dredged to Provide Sufficient Berth Length and Safe Maneuvering for Larger Vessels

South Terminal

History and Contamination...

Lumber Mill Operations, 1890s through 1930s

Former Weyerhaeuser Mill A Site



Pulp Mill Operations, 1930s through 1970s

Former Weyerhaeuser Mill A Site



Log Rafting and Storage, 1980s through early 2000s



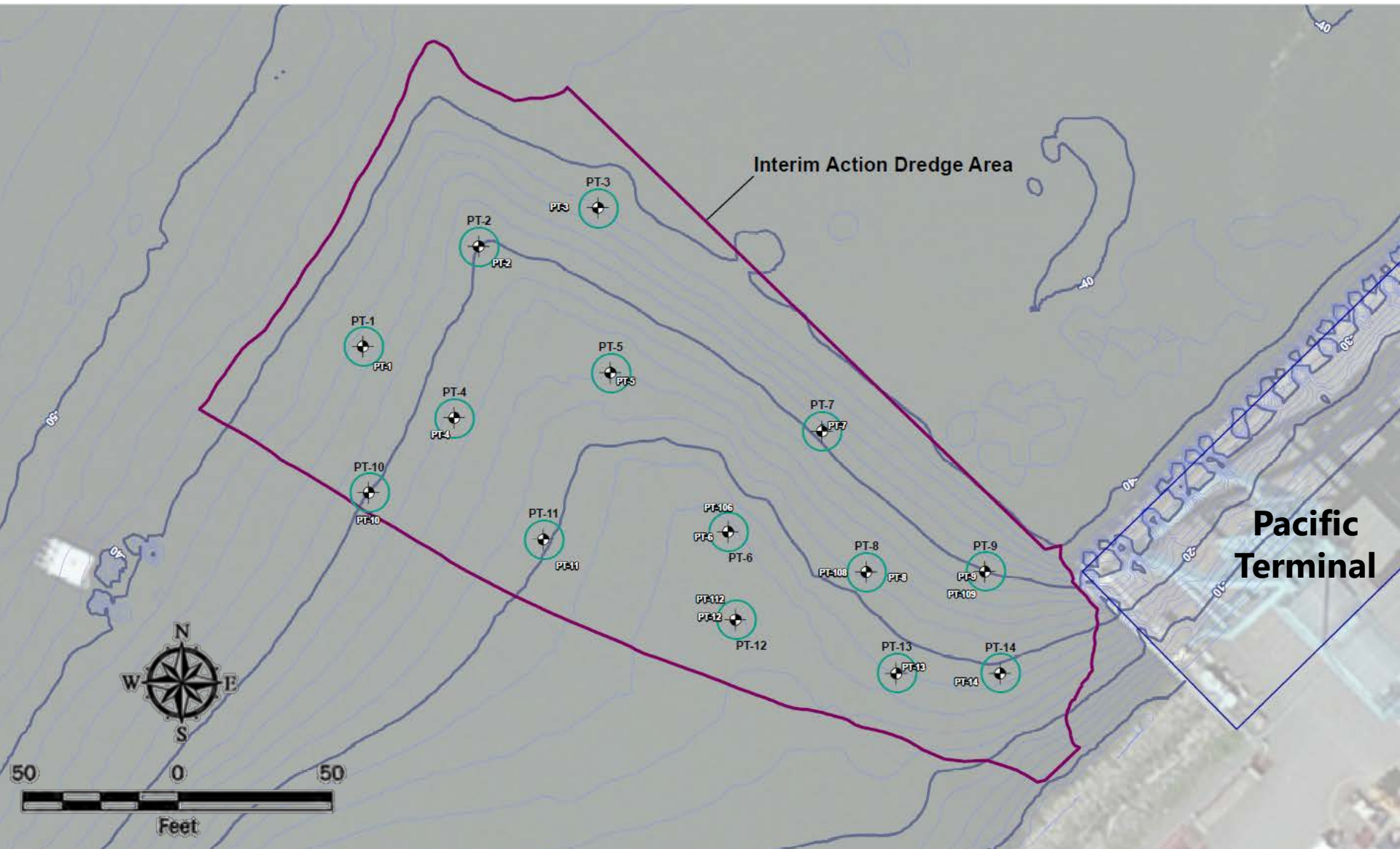
Site Contamination

Historical Activities Resulted in Contaminated Sediment, Soil and Groundwater. Contamination includes:

- Sawdust and Wood Debris
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Metals
- Dioxins/Furans
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Dredged Material Characterization...

Dredge Prism and Sediment Core Locations



Sediment Sampling Field Work



Barge-Mounted
Sonic Drill Rig

Core Processing
and Sampling
Station

Continuous Cores Collected to Characterize the Dredge Prism

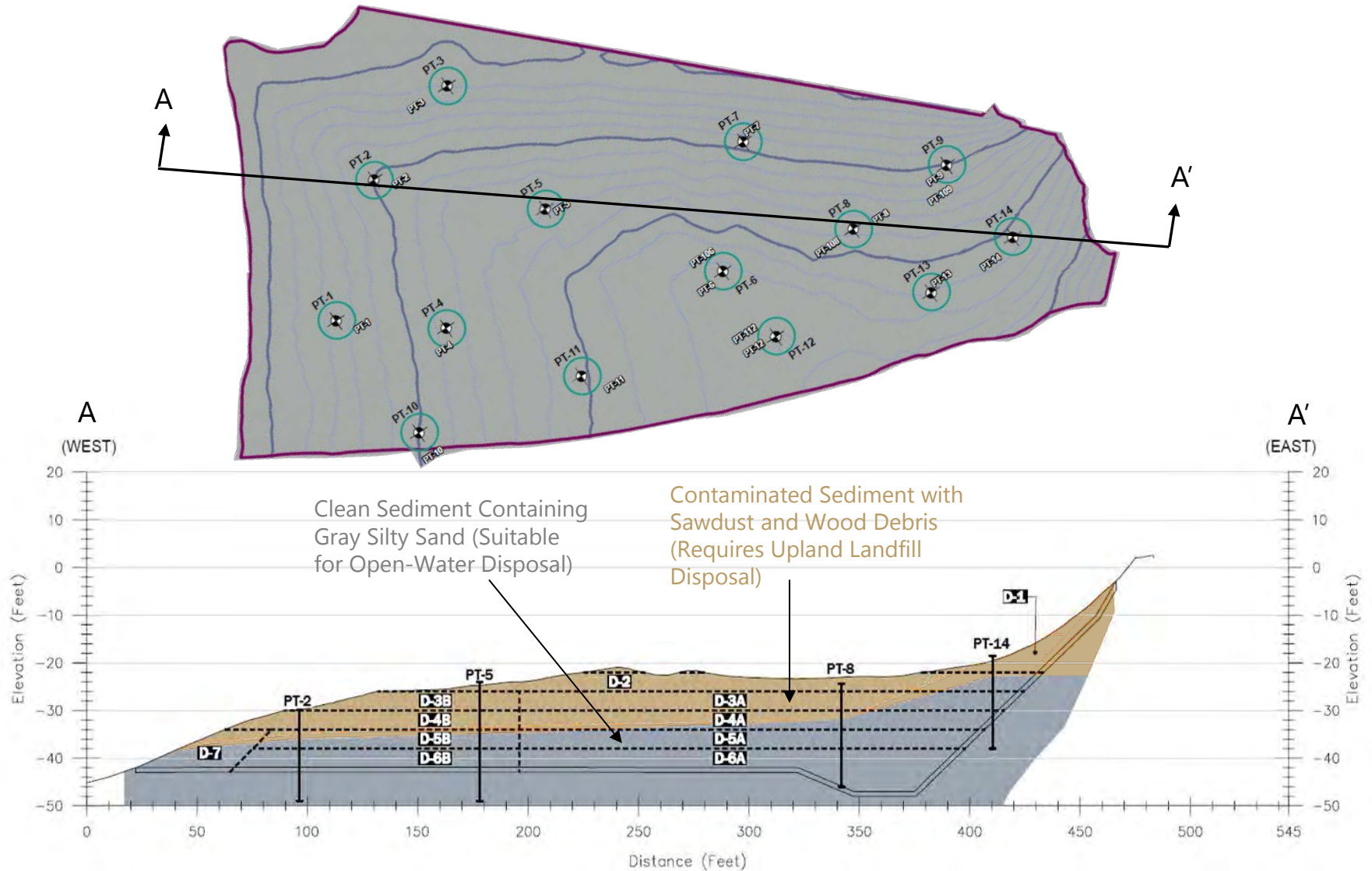


Typical Sediment Core in Upper Horizon



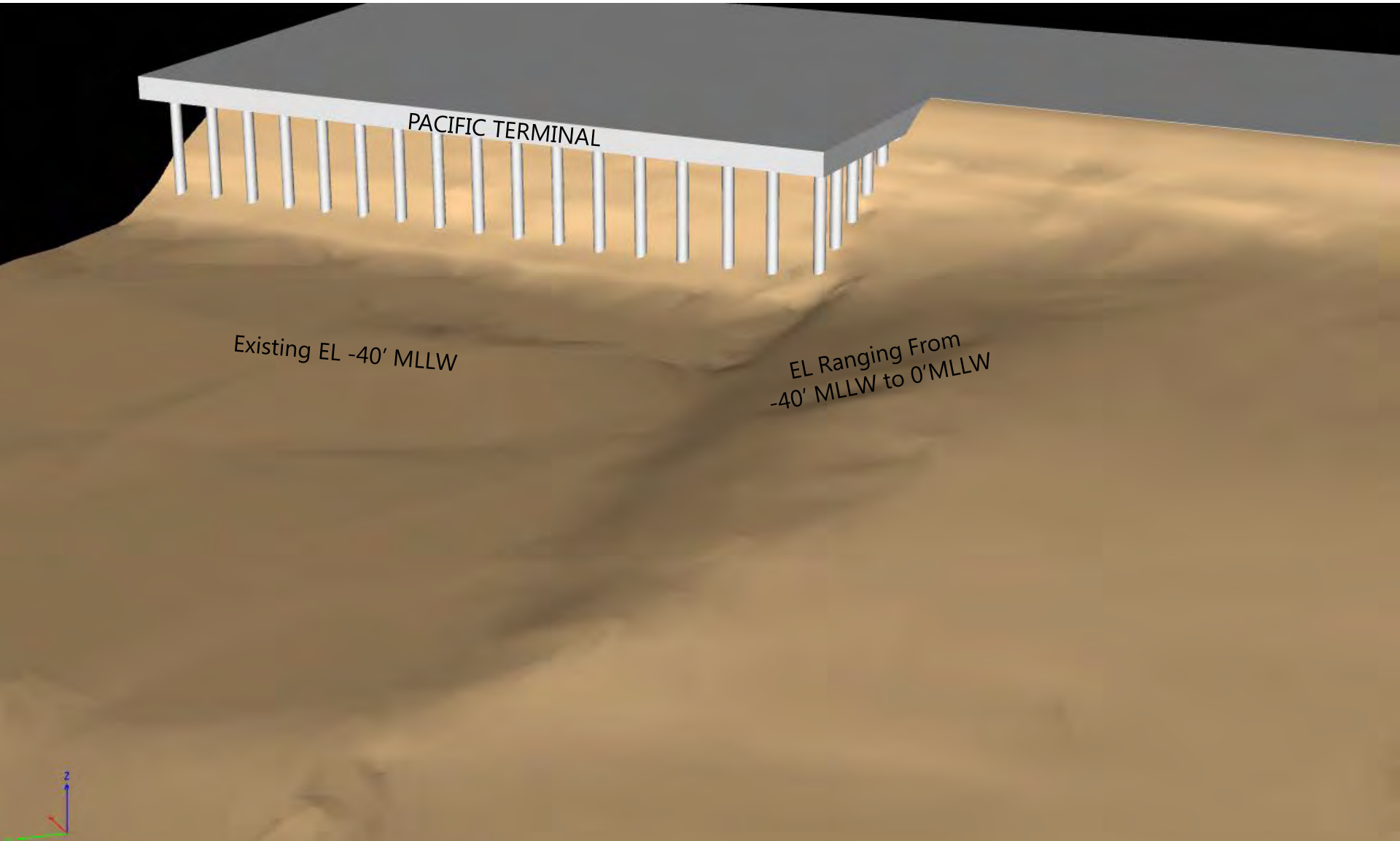
Typical Sediment Core in Deeper Horizon

Subsurface Sediment Conditions

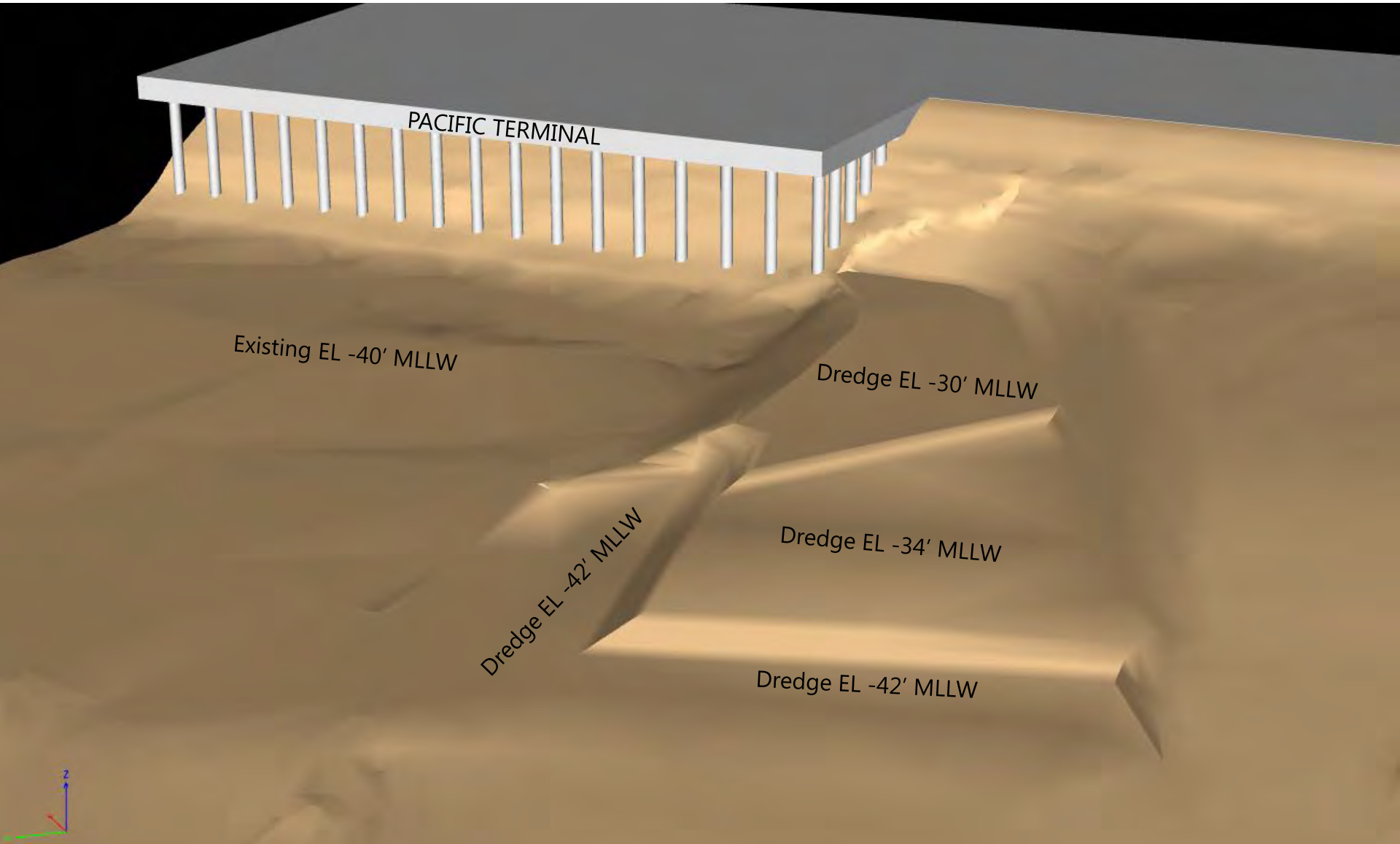


Design...

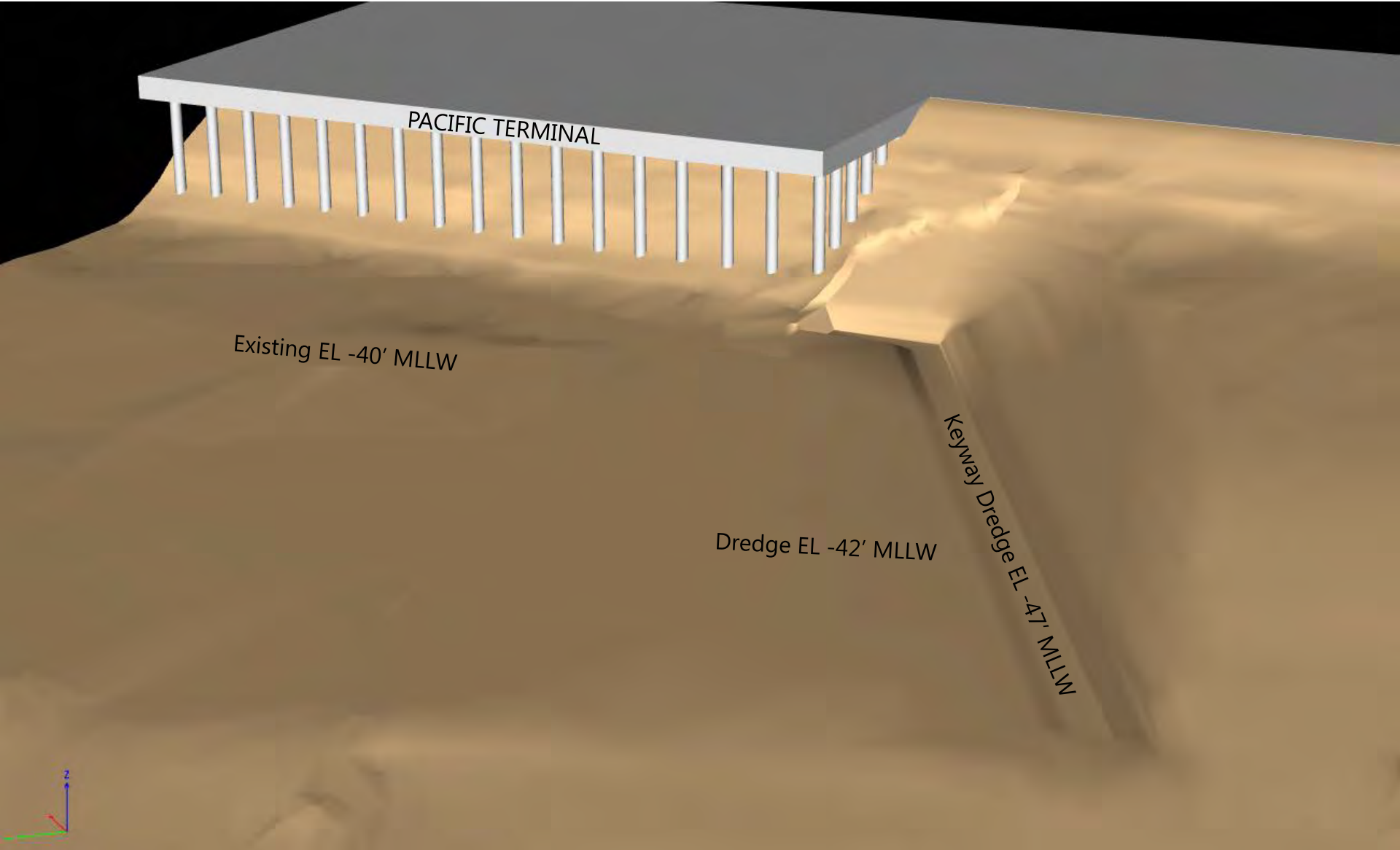
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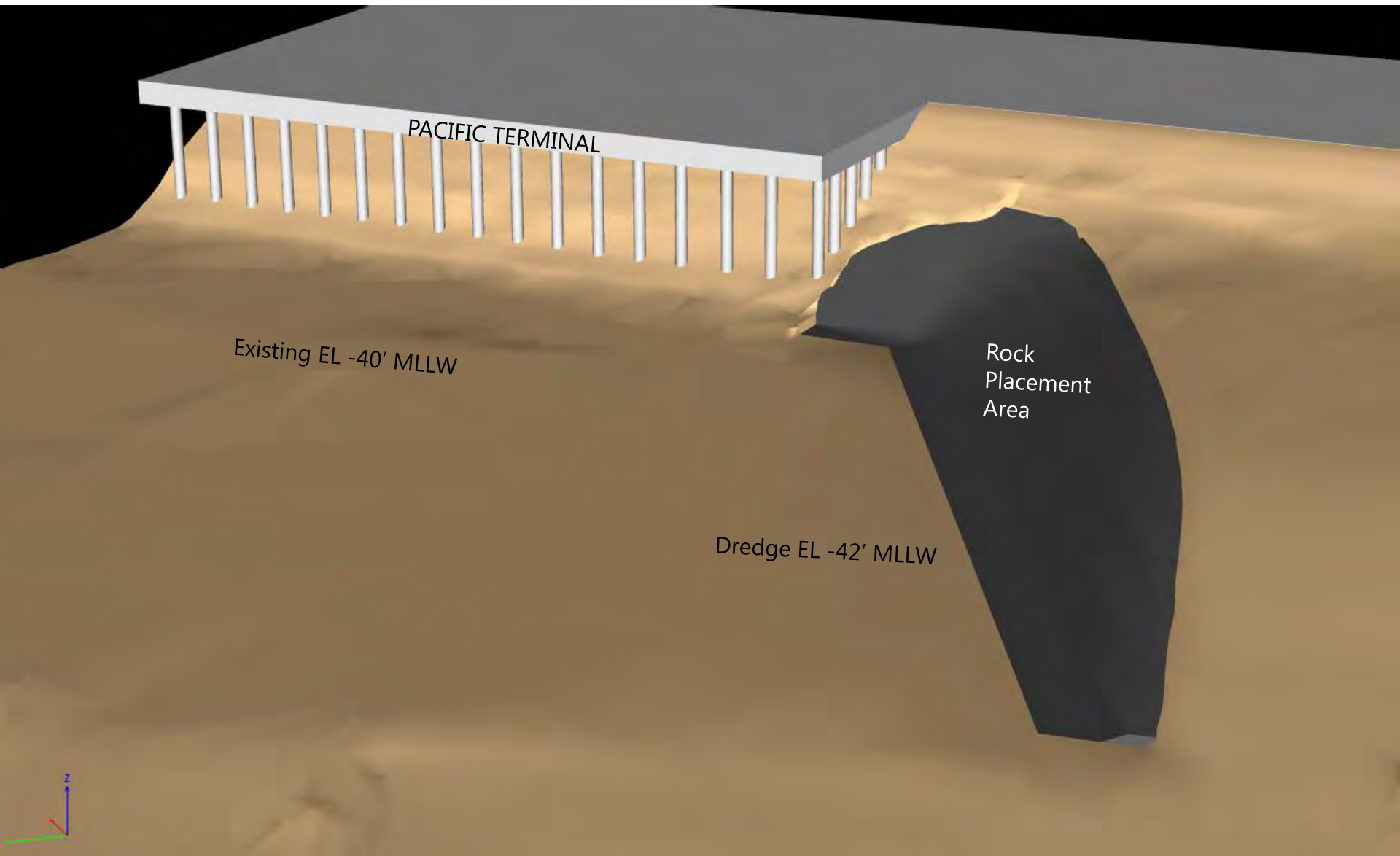
Contaminated Sediment Dredge Design



Clean Sediment Dredge Design



Rock Placement



Permitting...

Permits and Substantive Requirements

It took approximately 12 months to obtain all the project permits. Following permits were obtained:

- Army Corps Permit
- Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) Water Quality Certification
- Ecology's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency Determination
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW's) Substantive Requirements
- City of Everett's Shoreline Master Program and Public Works Substantive Requirement

Construction...

Construction Project Team



Construction – Contaminated Material Dredging...

Contaminated Material Dredging



1,500 CY Capacity
Flat Deck Barge

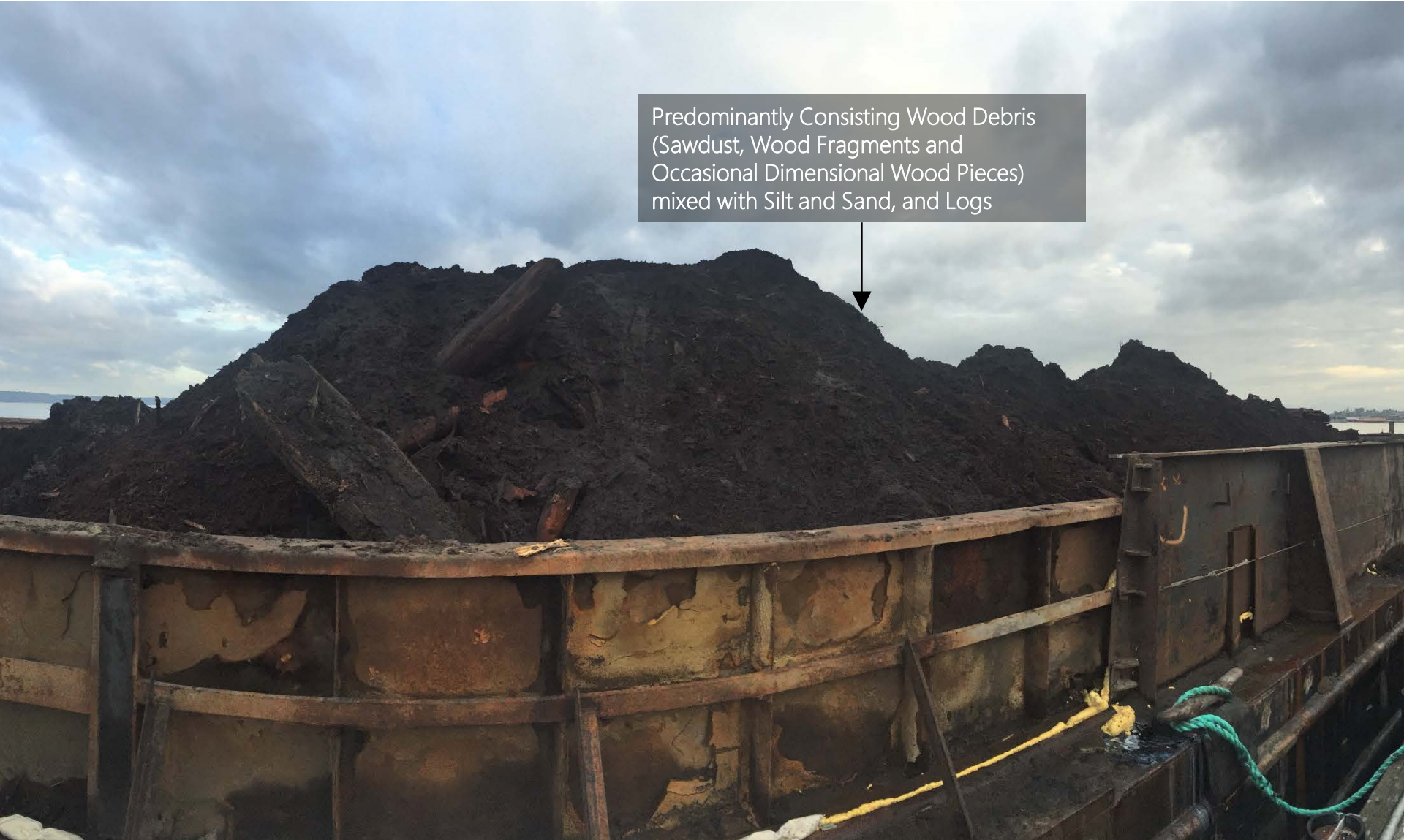
4 CY
Clamshell
Dredge
Bucket

Wood Debris/Piles Removal

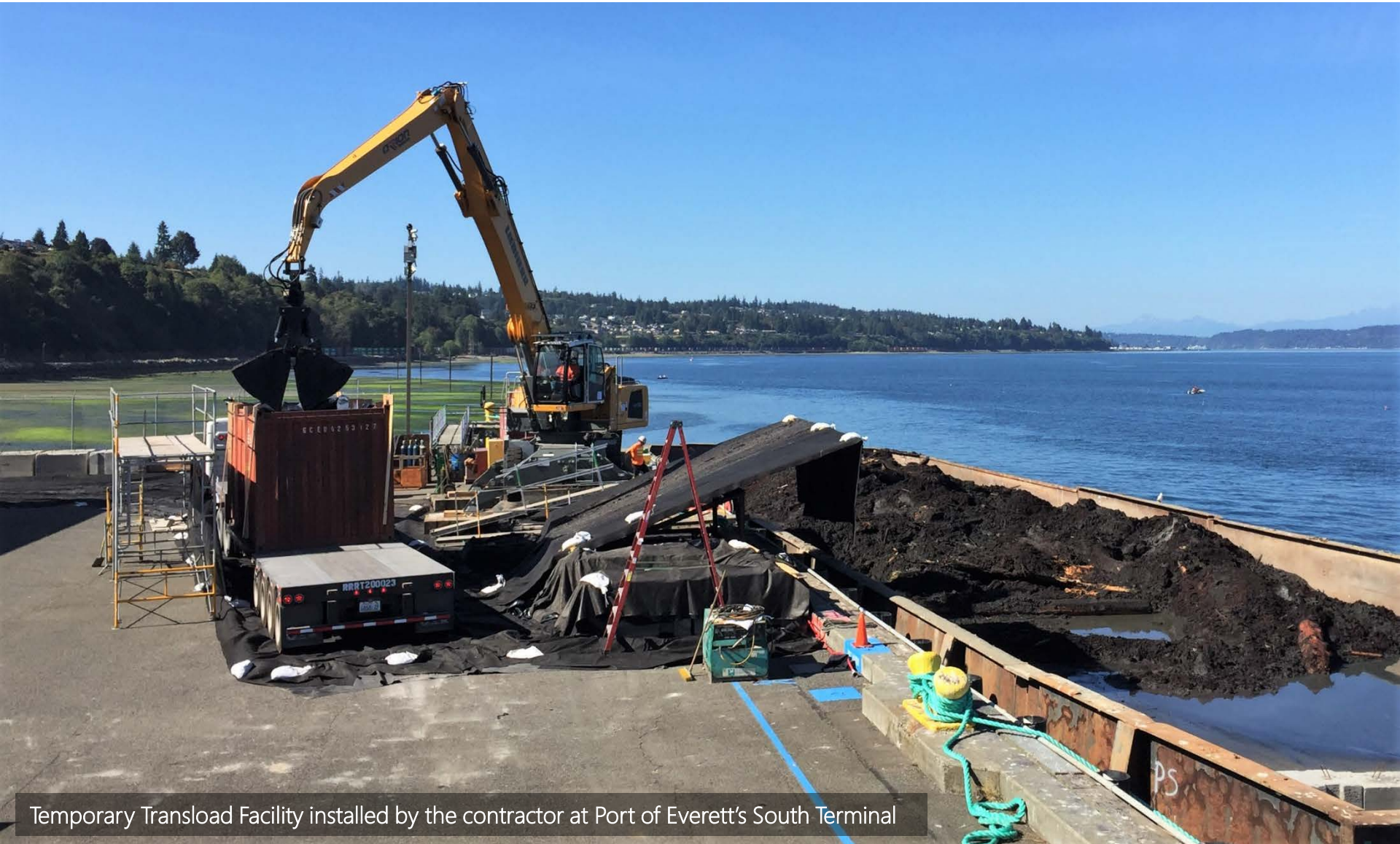


Contaminated Dredged Material

Predominantly Consisting Wood Debris
(Sawdust, Wood Fragments and
Occasional Dimensional Wood Pieces)
mixed with Silt and Sand, and Logs



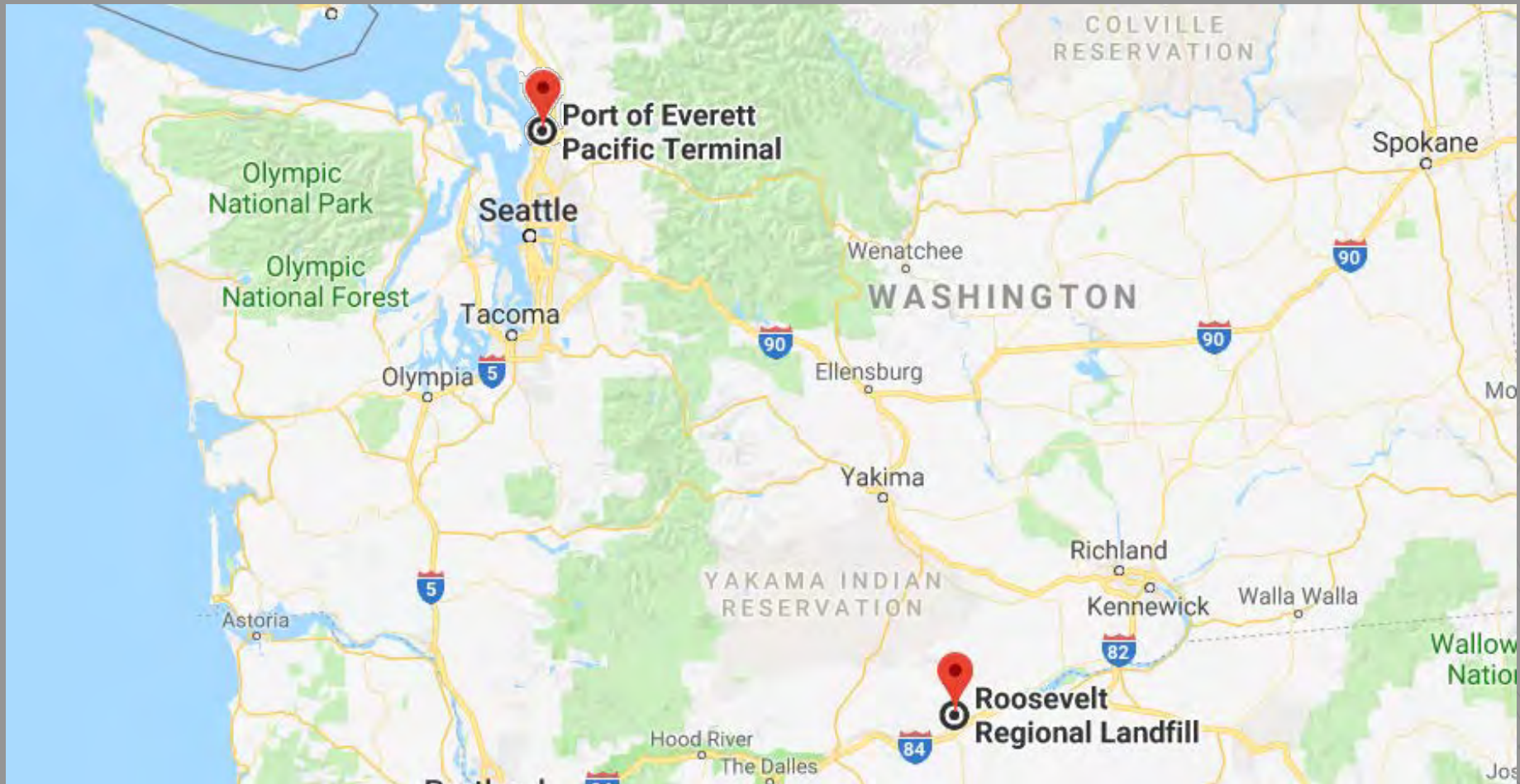
Contaminated Dredged Material Transload



Temporary Transload Facility installed by the contractor at Port of Everett's South Terminal

Contaminated Material Transport and Disposal

- Dredged contaminated material were transported approximately 250 miles and disposed at Republic Services Roosevelt Regional Subtitle D Landfill



Contaminated Material Dredging Quantities/Cost

- Approximately 22,200 CY dredged.
- Dredge rate of approximately 800 CY/day.
- Contaminated material estimated bulk density of 1.04 Tons/CY.
- Dredging Cost: \$20/CY
- Offload Cost: \$12/CY
- Upland Transport and Disposal: \$50/Ton

Construction – Clean Material Dredging...

Clean Material Dredging



2,300 CY Capacity
Bottom-Dump Barge
With 7 Compartments

4 CY
Clamshell
Dredge
Bucket

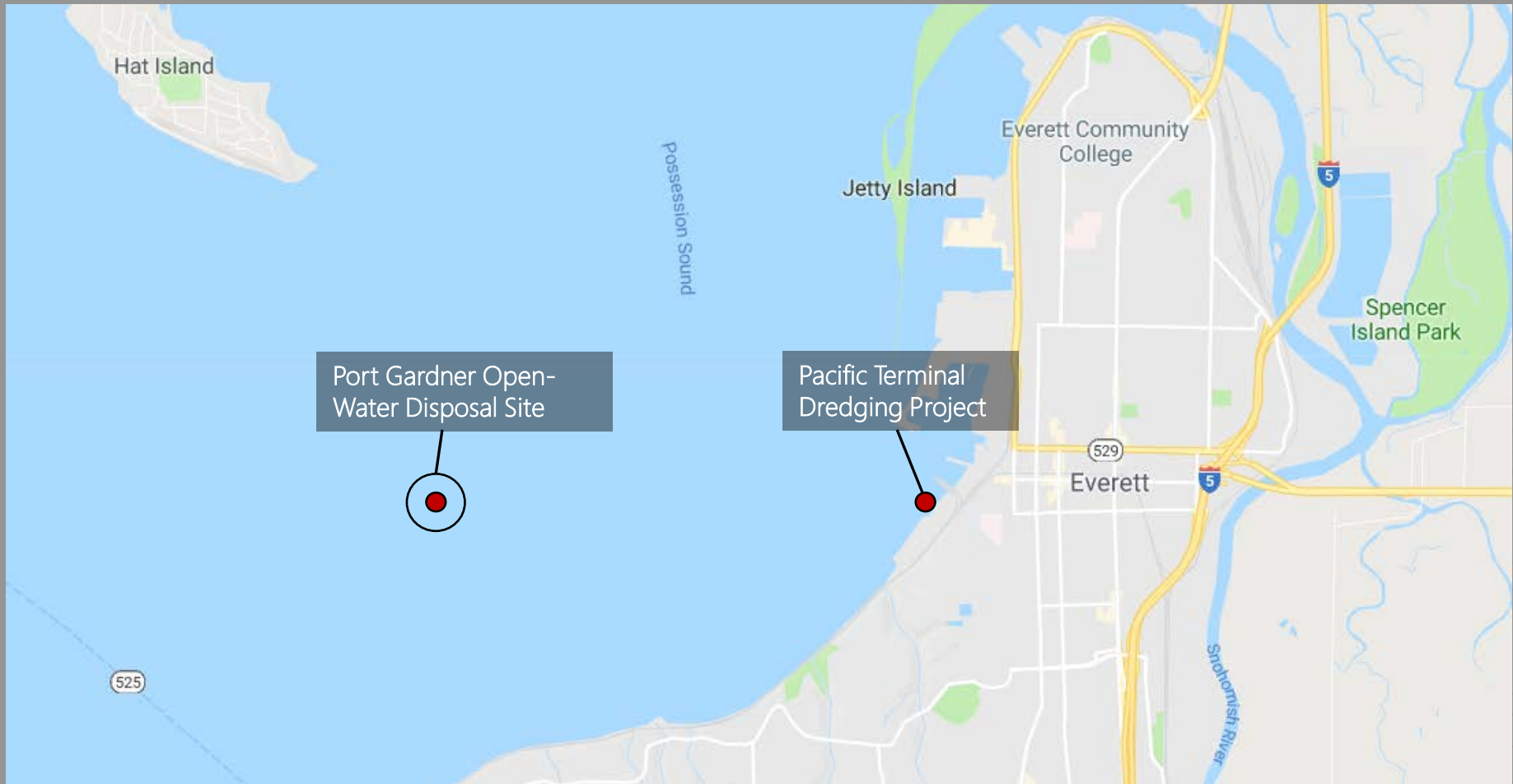
Clean Dredged Material



Gray Silty Sand with Shell Fragments

Open-Water Transport and Disposal

- Dredged clean material were transported approximately 3 miles and disposed at Port Gardner Open-Water Disposal Site



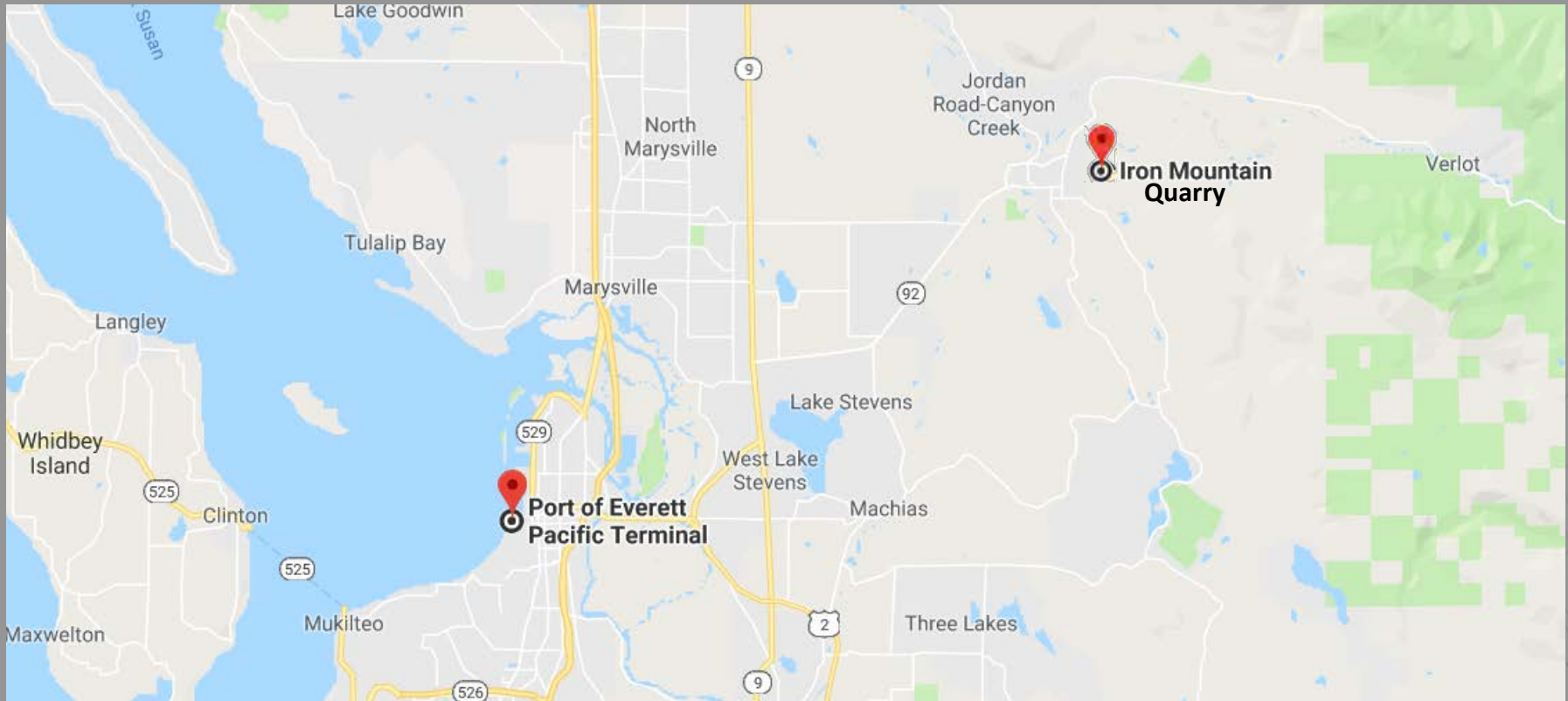
Clean Material Dredging Quantities/Cost

- Approximately 12,600 CY dredged.
- Dredge rate of approximately 800 CY/day.
- Clean material estimated bulk density of 1.4 Tons/CY.
- Dredging Cost: \$15/CY
- Open-Water Transport and Disposal: \$3/CY

Construction – Rock Placement...

Rock Import and Transload

- Armor and bedding rocks were imported by road from Iron Mountain Quarry, located approximately 20 miles from the project site.
- At the project site, rocks were transloaded onto a barge at the South Terminal temporary transload facility



Rock Placement



Rock Placement Box
10' long by 6' wide by 4' high

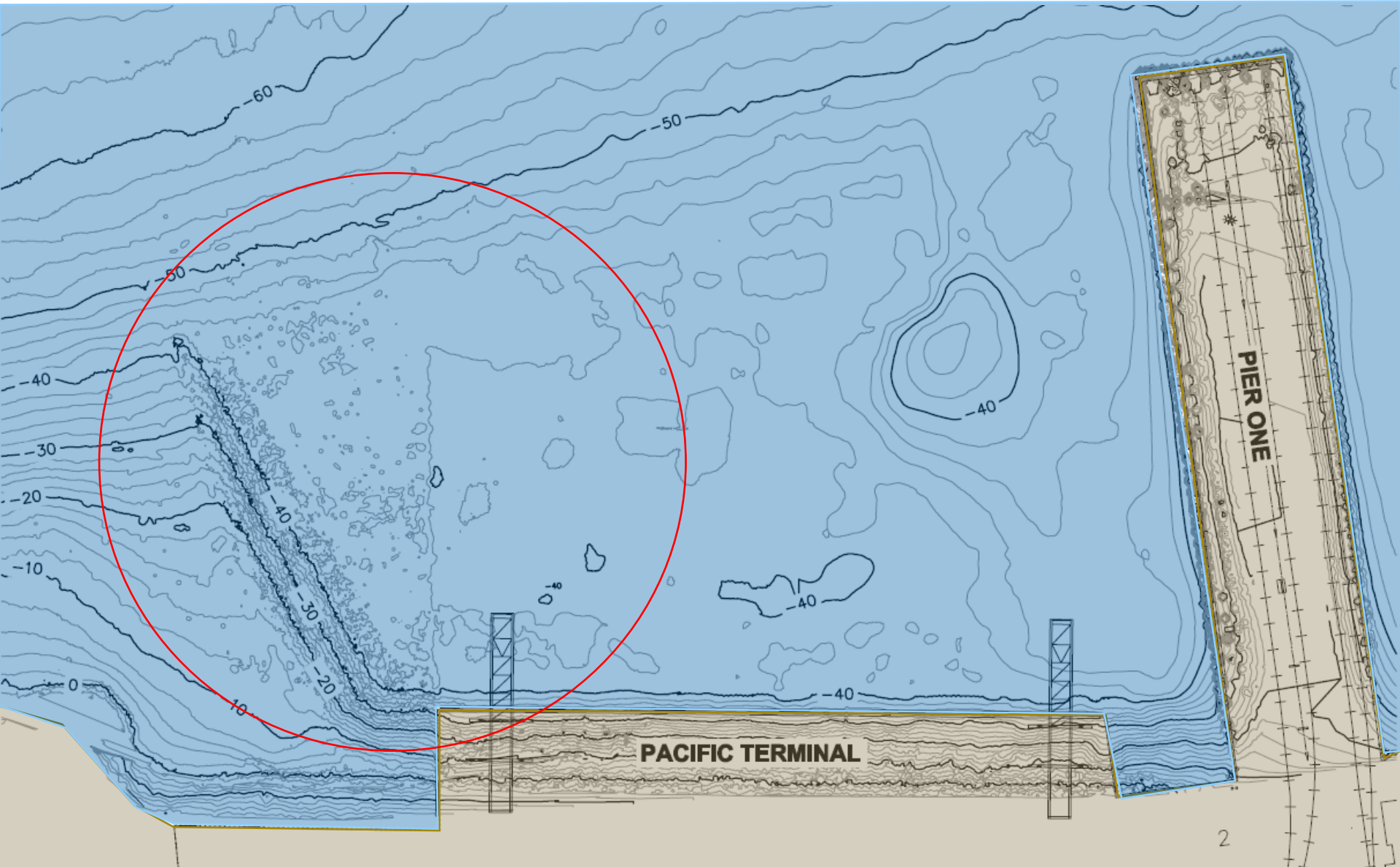
Rock Placement



Rock Placement Quantities/Cost

- Approximately 4,200 ton bedding rock and 6,300 ton armor rock placed.
- Placement rate ranged from approximately 500 to 1,000 tons/day.
- Rock bulk density of 1.4 Tons/CY.
- Rock Import and Placement Cost: \$60/Ton

Port of Everett is Now Able to Serve Larger Cargo ~~Ships~~ ^{Offshore}

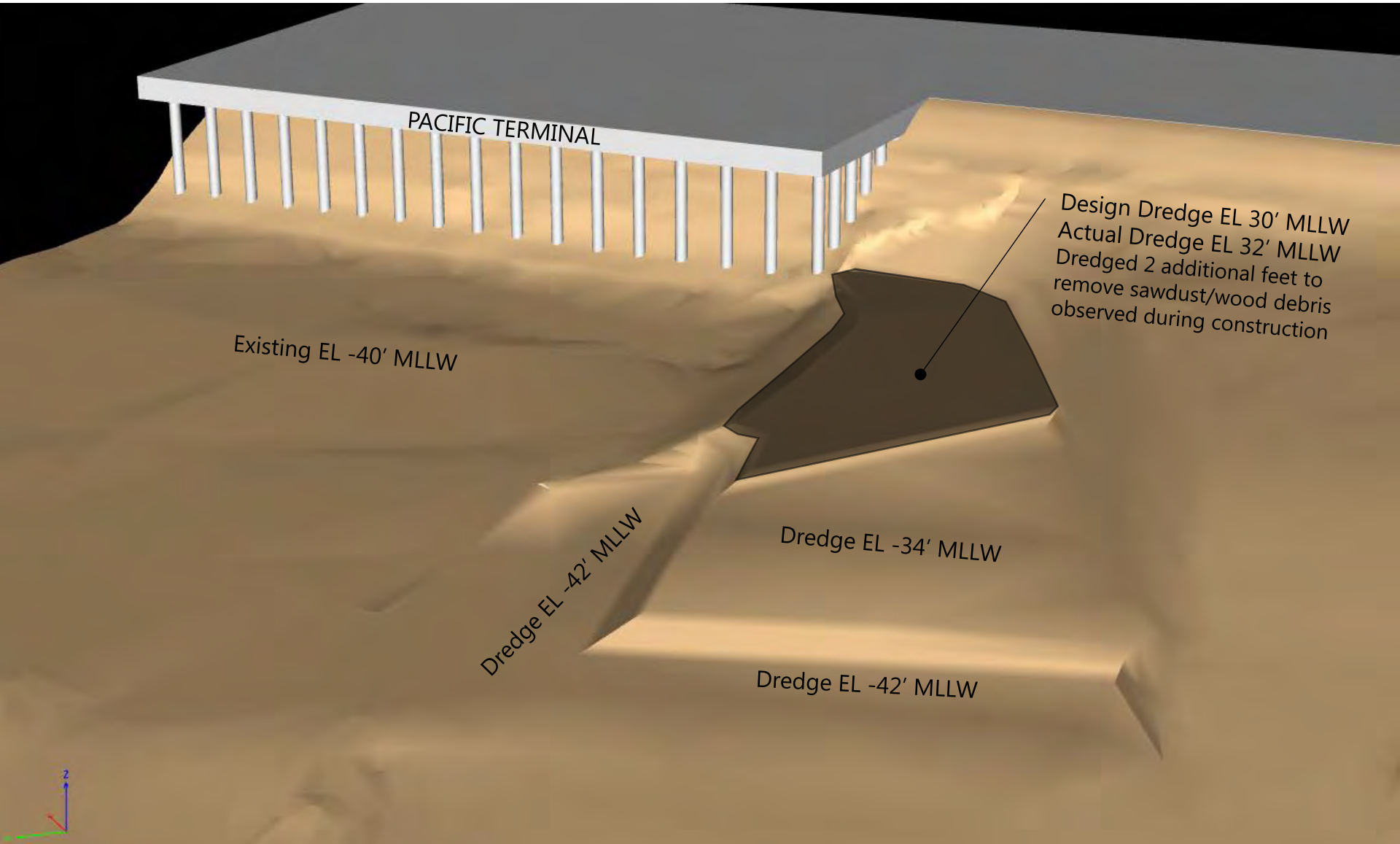


Port of Everett is Now Able to Serve Larger Cargo Vessels

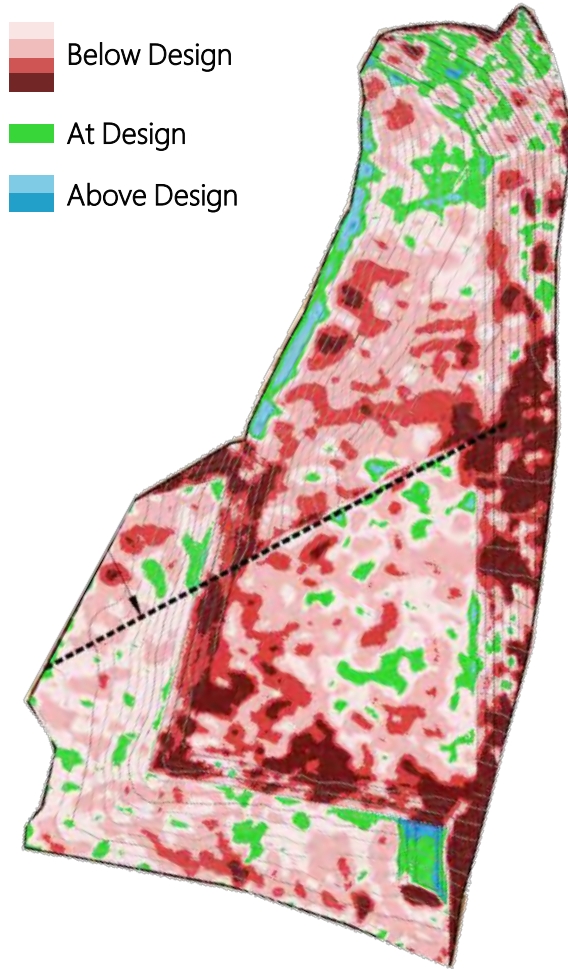


But, good things don't come easy...

Challenges Faced – More Sawdust/Wood Debris Encountered than Estimated



Challenges Faced – Overdredging

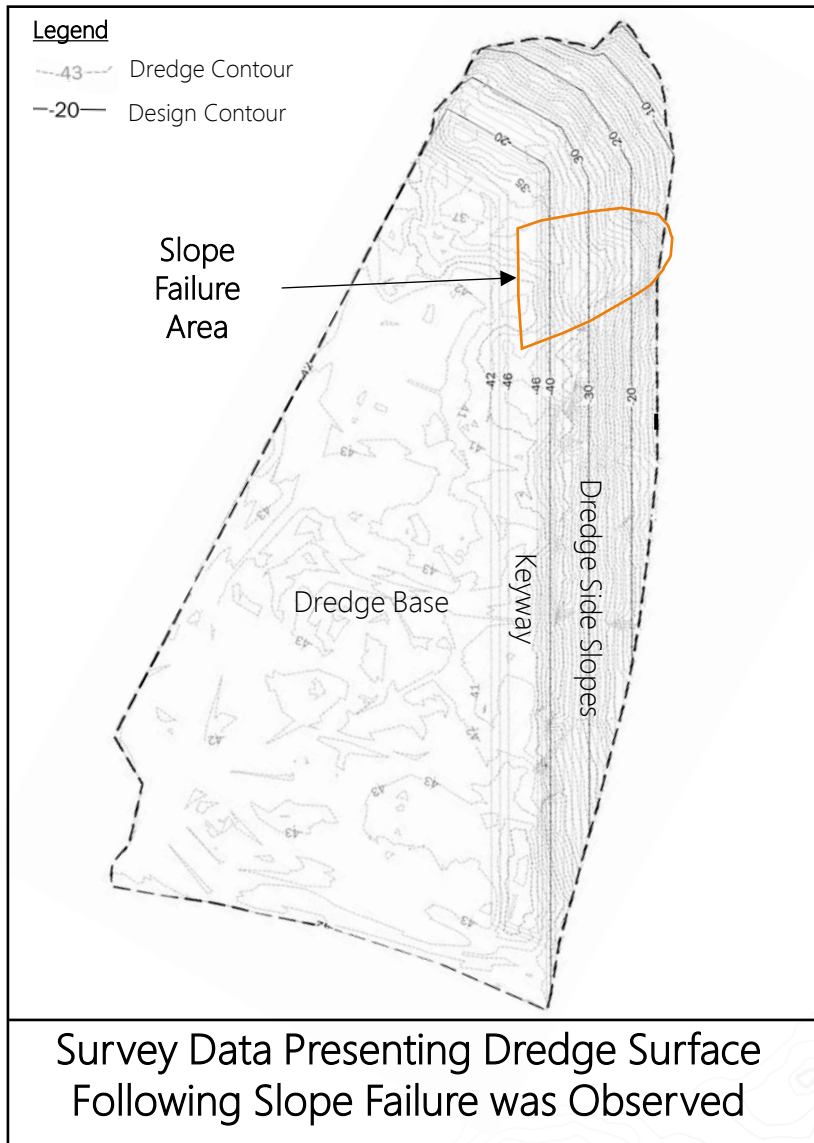


Comparison of As-Built Contaminated Dredge Surface to Design

Overdredging can be attributed to:

- Removal of large wood debris/piles causing additional material to be removed
- Limitations of dredging method and/or equipment

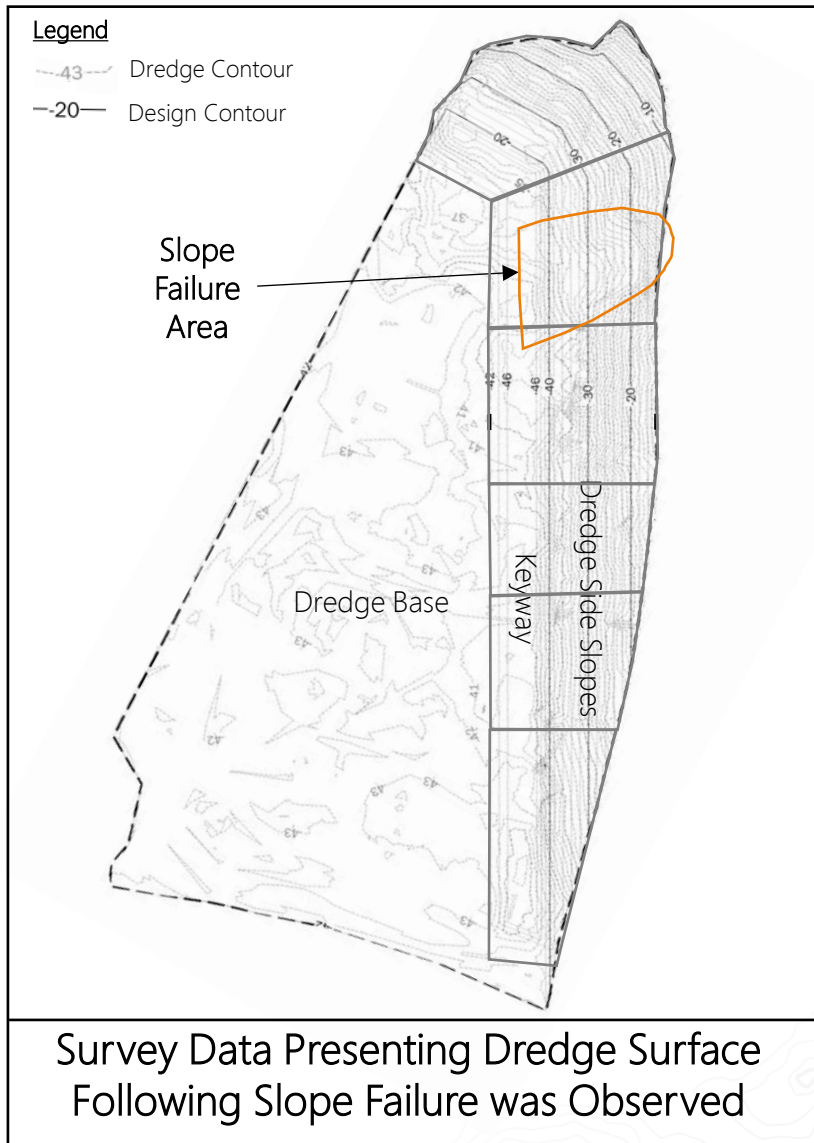
Challenges Faced – Slope Failure



Slope failure was observed during native sediment dredging. It is unclear what exactly caused slope failure; however, following are potential explanations:

- Exposed slope materials remained unprotected for extended periods of time due to construction sequencing/regulatory approval to transition from contaminated to clean dredging
- Native sediment were hard/dense resulting in higher ground vibrations during dredging.
- Areas of the slope were over-steepened causing a higher potential for failure.

Solutions Implemented – Slope Failure



Dredging and rock placement sequence was modified to complete work in sections so that dredge cuts were protected soon after dredging.

Modifications required:

- Dredge and materials barges at ready
- Real-time survey of dredged area to facilitate quick placement of rock
- Efficient transition of equipment from dredging to rock placement and vice-versa.

Questions?

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