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Military Life's a Beach in San Diego, California

US Coast Guard and US Navy Collaborate to
Dredge and Beneficially Reuse Sediments at
Mooring Ballast Point, San Diego, CA

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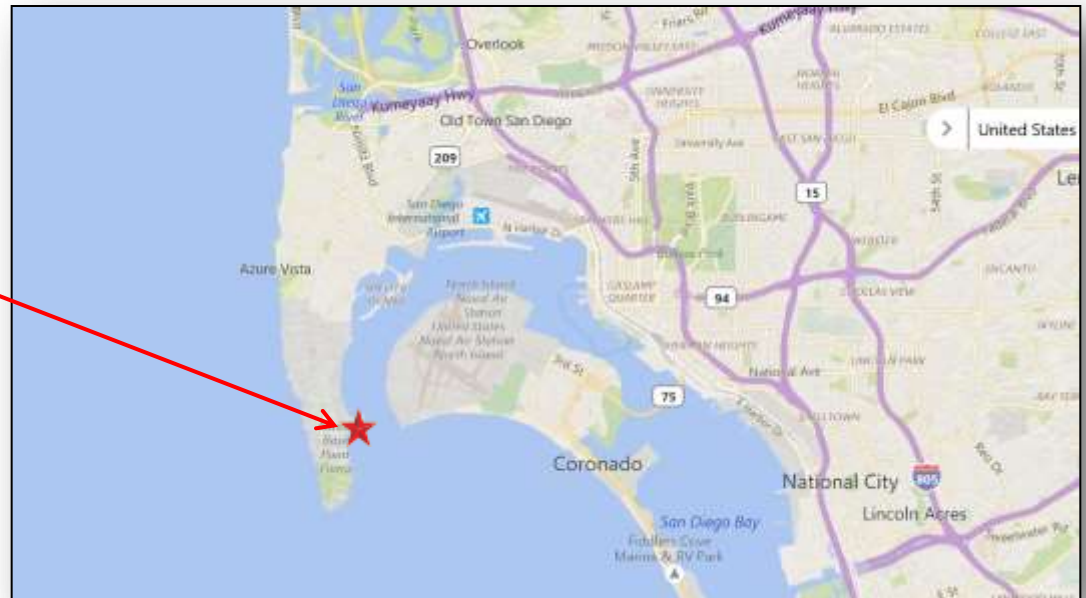
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USCG Mooring Ballast Point

Located at Naval Base Point Loma
in San Diego, California



USCG Mooring Ballast Point

Predominant Current Movements



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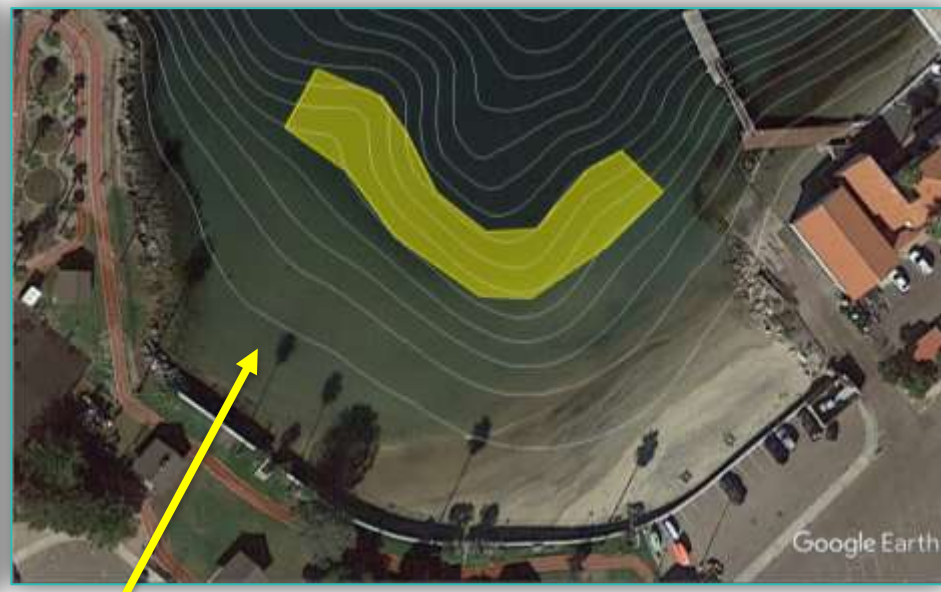
Emergency Dredging!



US Navy Smugglers Cove Beach Extent 2000 vs 2016

2000

2016

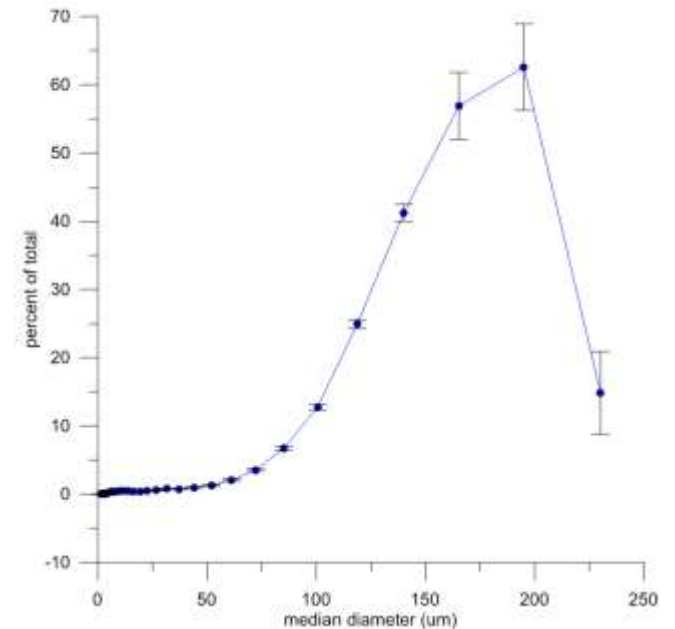


Hey USCG Sand! The Navy has a home for you!

Emergency Dredging - Compatibility Match!



USCG beach sediment grain size and std, based on 250 measurements

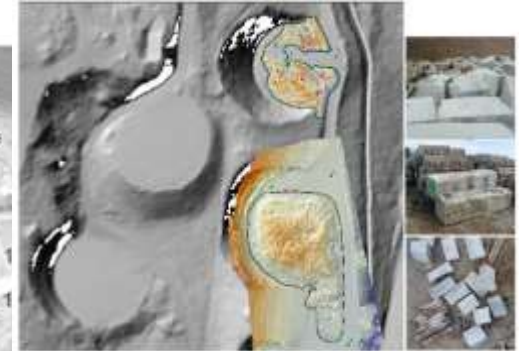
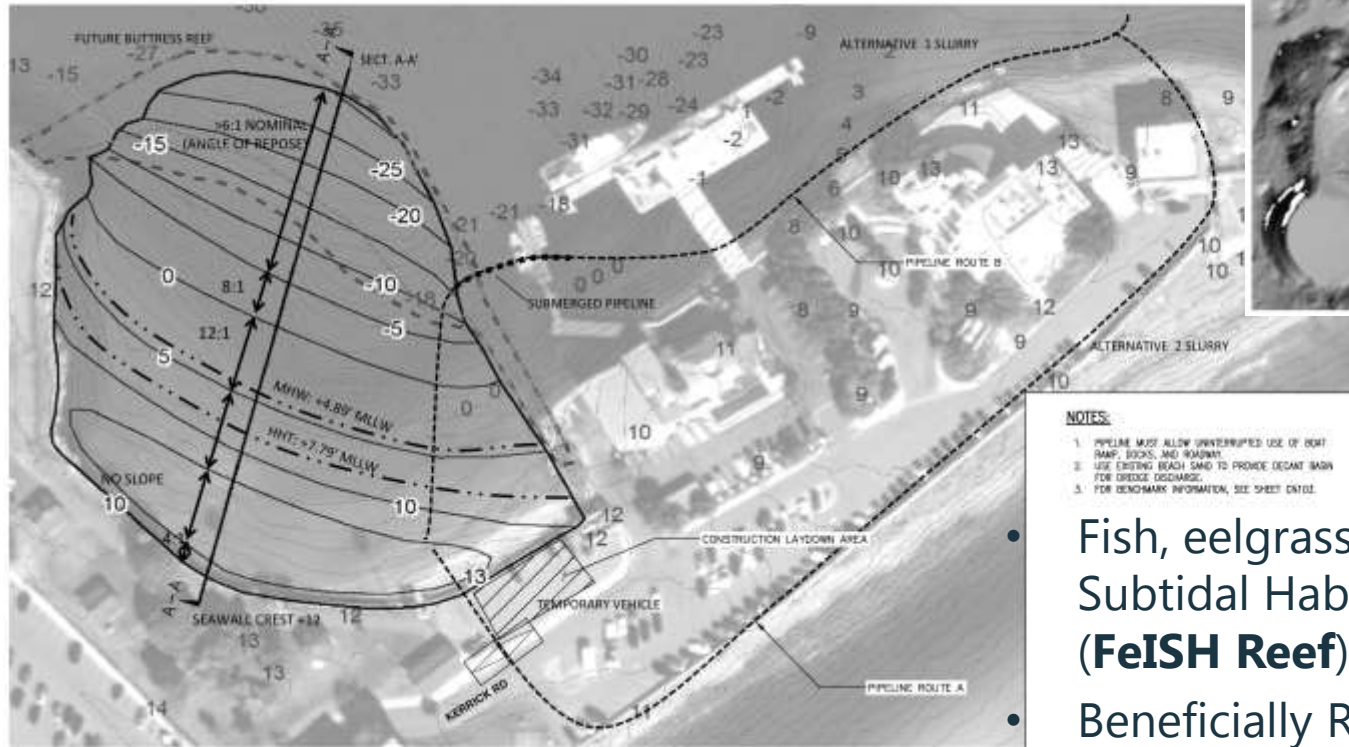


...maybe we can scheme up something more...?



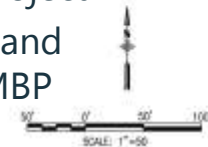
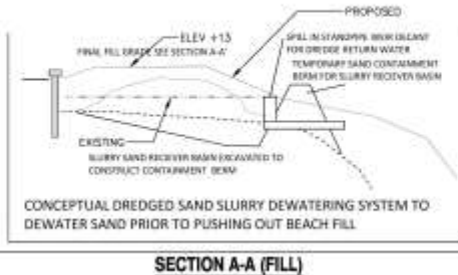
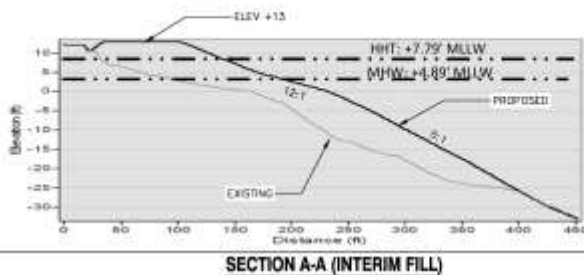
Welcome to FeISH Reef!

Navy Beneficial Reuse Plans



- NOTES:**
1. PIPELINE MUST ALLOW UNINTERRUPTED USE OF BOAT RAMP, DOCKS, AND ROADWAY.
 2. USE EXISTING BEACH SAND TO PROVIDE DECANT BASIN FOR DREDGE DISCHARGE.
 3. FOR BENCHMARK INFORMATION, SEE SHEET 0102.

- Fish, eelgrass, Intertidal, Subtidal Habitat Reef (**FeISH Reef**)
- Beneficially Reuse
 - Construction debris (old concrete pier piles) leftover from Pier 180 demolition project
 - Compatible sand from USCG MBP



Collaboration and Consultations

But first...sediment characterization and permits

- USCG seeks a 10-year maintenance dredging permit from the USACE for events totaling 30,000 cy or less to a maximum depth of -30 feet MLLW
- USCG in need of a long-term placement option for future dredging events
- Emergency – quick schedule and turn around necessary for sampling, analysis, and permitting!
- Contract awarded summer of 2018 for construction to conclude before least tern season of March 2019.
- Let's work together!



USCG Mooring Ballast Point – Maintenance Dredging



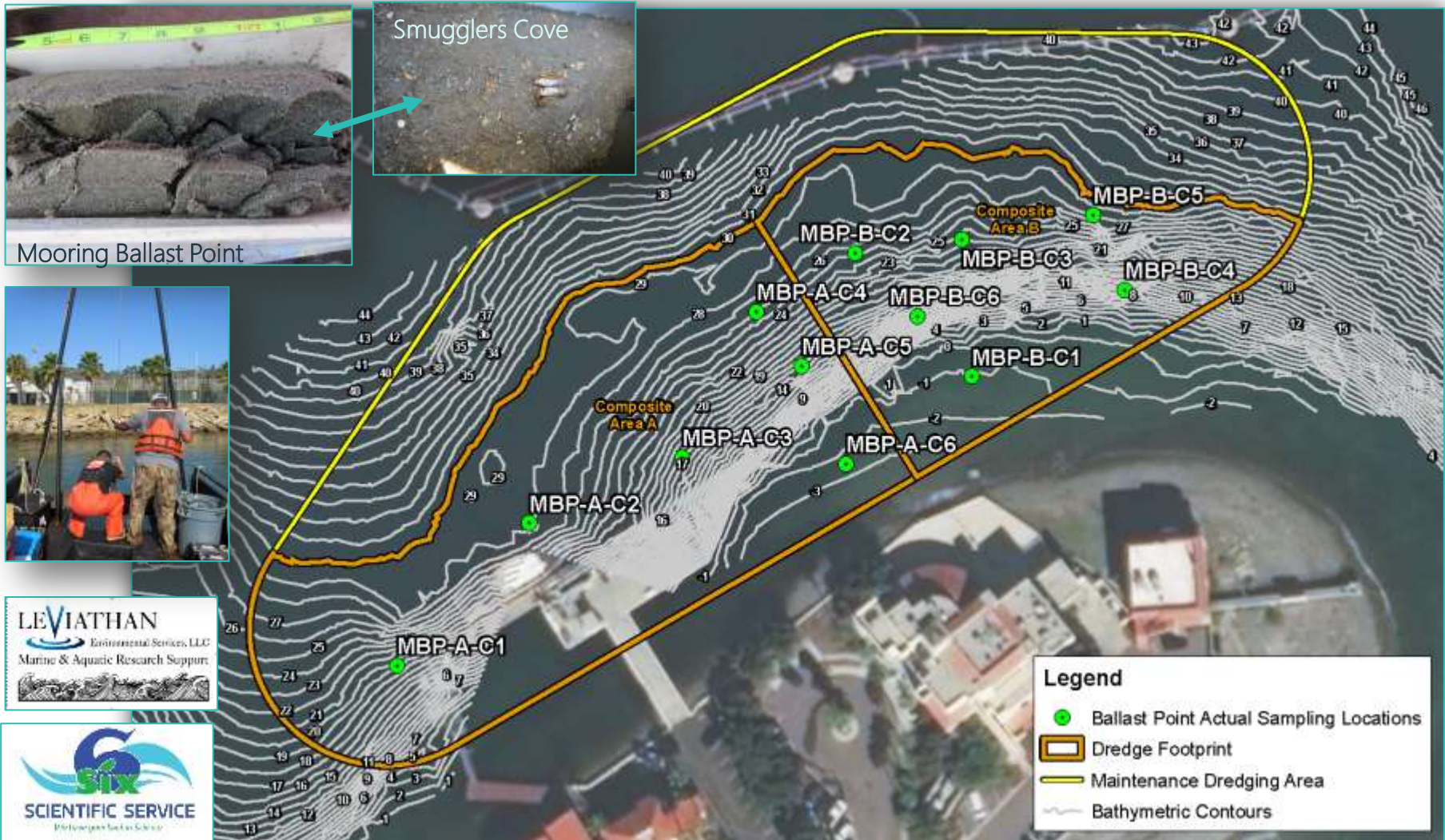
Sediment Investigation Performed in two parts

1. Preferred Disposal Option - Tier II Nearshore Beneficial Reuse
 - Smuggler's Cove (2019)
 - Silver Strand Boatlanes (2019 and future)
2. Backup Plan - Tier III Ocean Disposal



USCG Mooring Ballast Point – Maintenance Dredging

Sediment Characterization Study



USCG Mooring Ballast Point – Maintenance Dredging



- USCG MBP sediment is perfect for the FeISH Reef!
- The Navy and the USCG are very interested in collaboration.
- Government shutdown presents potential delay in project progress.
- Agencies and teams still working during shutdown do so closely to prevent set backs in schedule.



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Interagency Hurdles

The Key to a Successful Project is Open and Constant Communication!

- Navy Approached USCG Early
- Navy Authorized USCG to use Silver Strand Boatlanes as backup
- Lots of Navy, USCG, and Dredger Discussions
- Lots of chats with the regulatory agencies
 - Possible joint permit and MOU was rejected in favor of individual permits
 - More work for the USACE but better for everyone – NO LAWYERS! 😊



USCG Mooring Ballast Point – Maintenance Dredging Permits

Timing Critical to Project Success

- Permitting Responsibilities
 - USCG – Dredging and Dredged Sediments
 - US Navy – Temporary Placement and Construction of FeISH Reef
 - USCG plans include stockpiling of sediment at US Navy's Smuggler's Cove for future beneficial reuse in the construction of the FeISH Reef.



USCG Mooring Ballast Point – Maintenance Dredging Activities



FeISH Reef Construction

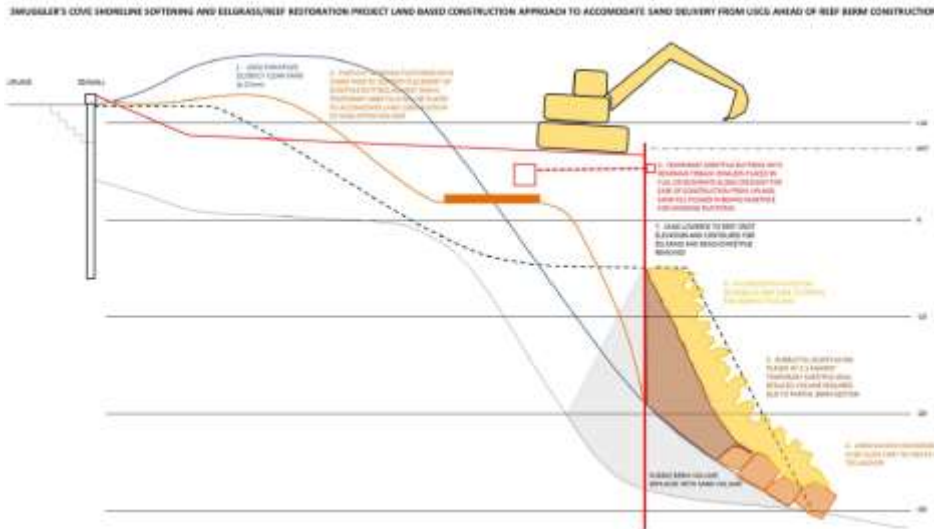
Dredging and placement considerations:

- 1) Shallow depths
- 2) Structural integrity of pier
- 3) Underwater rip-rap
- 4) Beach grading
- 5) Storm drains



The Future of FeISH Reef

- Sediment still stockpiled at Smugglers Cove
- Navy has received permits for construction of FeISH reef and construction contractor mobilization is scheduled for November 20, 2019
- Will be an excellent new recreational area for USCG and US Navy families as well as tons of San Diego Bay critters!



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