

Final reminder - the ESSAYONS will arrive in Grays Harbor on 26 April around 4pm. Dredging will occur in shoaled areas of the Bar, Entrance, and Pt. Chehalis reaches. Dredging will continue 24/7 through approximately 25 May (exact departure date TBD). The goal is to dredge approximately 800,000 CY, with 600,000 CY placed in the South Beach beneficial use site. The remaining material will be placed in the Pt. Chehalis disposal site.

Dredging by the YAQUINA was completed on 21 April with approximately 37,000 cy of critically shoaled material removed from a specific location in Pt. Chehalis. All material was placed in the Pt. Chehalis disposal site.

There are not usually pots in the Pt. Chehalis disposal area, but there are usually a significant number of crab pots in the South Beach Disposal Site (SBDS) and we need your help to get the word out to the fishermen and crabbers to move their pots and gear before they are damaged. I have attached drawings of the disposal and dredge areas that they will need to keep clear during the dredging, which will conclude no later than 25 May 2018.

Please note that the TARGET area within the South Beach beneficial site is extended to the south (it is NOT the same as the past several years) to accommodate better distribution of the material along the south beach to help with the erosion of the south beach - all of the target area will be used by the hopper.

Fisherman and crabbers are encouraged to position themselves and/or their gear at least 300 feet from any channel and disposal area boundary in order to provide a buffer zone to allow for the gear drifting into the area used by the hoppers. Gear that drifts into the navigation channel, access channel and/or disposal areas may be damaged or destroyed.

Any help you can give, such as notifying your fishermen/crabbers would be much appreciated. Hopefully, this is plenty of time for crabbers to be notified and have their gear clear of the work areas by the time the hoppers arrive.

I have sent separate notifications to both the Port of Grays Harbor and the Quinault Tribe.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks-

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