



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Portland District

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **for PERMIT APPLICATION**

Issue Date: May 21, 2004

Expiration Date: June 21, 2004

**30 Day Notice**

Corps of Engineers Action ID: 200300445

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plan.

**Comments:** Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers number shown above and should reach this office no later than the above expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: CENWP-OP-GP (Mr. Ron Marg)  
P.O. Box 2946  
Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

**Applicant:** Port of Wahkiakum No 2  
P.O. Box 220  
Skamokawa, Washington 98647

**Location:** Township 9 North, Range 6 West, Section 17, in Skamokawa Creek, Wahkiakum County, Skamokawa, Washington.

**Project Description:** Dredge up to 40,000 cubic yards of sediment over the five-year life of the permit, from the Skamokawa Creek Federal navigation channel, and a 300-foot long, 50 feet wide side channel to the navigation channel. Skamokawa Creek Channel is 75 feet wide and flairs out to 550 feet at its confluence of the Columbia River, at River Mile 33.3. The Channel is 1,600 feet long with a depth of 6.5 feet. The applicant is proposing to dredge an additional 1.5 feet for advanced maintenance. The side channel would also be dredged to 6.5 feet with 1.5 feet advanced maintenance.

The dredging would be accomplished with a hydraulic dredge, with the dredged material being discharged in the Federal Navigation Channel or the nearby Skamokawa Vista Park upland dredged material disposal site.

**Sediment Testing:** A Sampling and Analysis Plan has been reviewed and approved. Final sediment testing has occurred and test results have been provided to the Environmental Protection Agency and Washington Department of Ecology. The Corps of Engineers has determined the sediments are suitable for unconfined in-water disposal.

**Purpose:** To provide access for commercial and recreational fishermen and recreational boaters.

**Drawings:** Four drawings labeled 200300445 (Skamokawa Creek - Maintenance Dredging)

**Additional Information:** Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Ron Marg, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (503) 808-4390.

**Authority:** This permit will be issued or denied under the following:

Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

Section 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

**Water Quality Certification:** A permit for the described work will not be issued until certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217), has been received or is waived from the certifying state. Attached is the state's notice advertising the request for certification.

**Section 404(b)(1) Evaluation:** The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

**Coastal Zone Management Act Certification:** A permit for the described work will not be issued until the state has concurred with the applicant's certification that the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3) requires the applicant to provide a Certification of Consistency statement. If the state fails to concur or object to the certification statement within six months, state concurrence shall be conclusively presumed. Attached to this Public Notice is a notice of application for Certification of Consistency with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Public Hearing:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**Endangered Species:** Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844) will be initiated. A permit for the proposed activity will not be issued until the consultation process is completed.

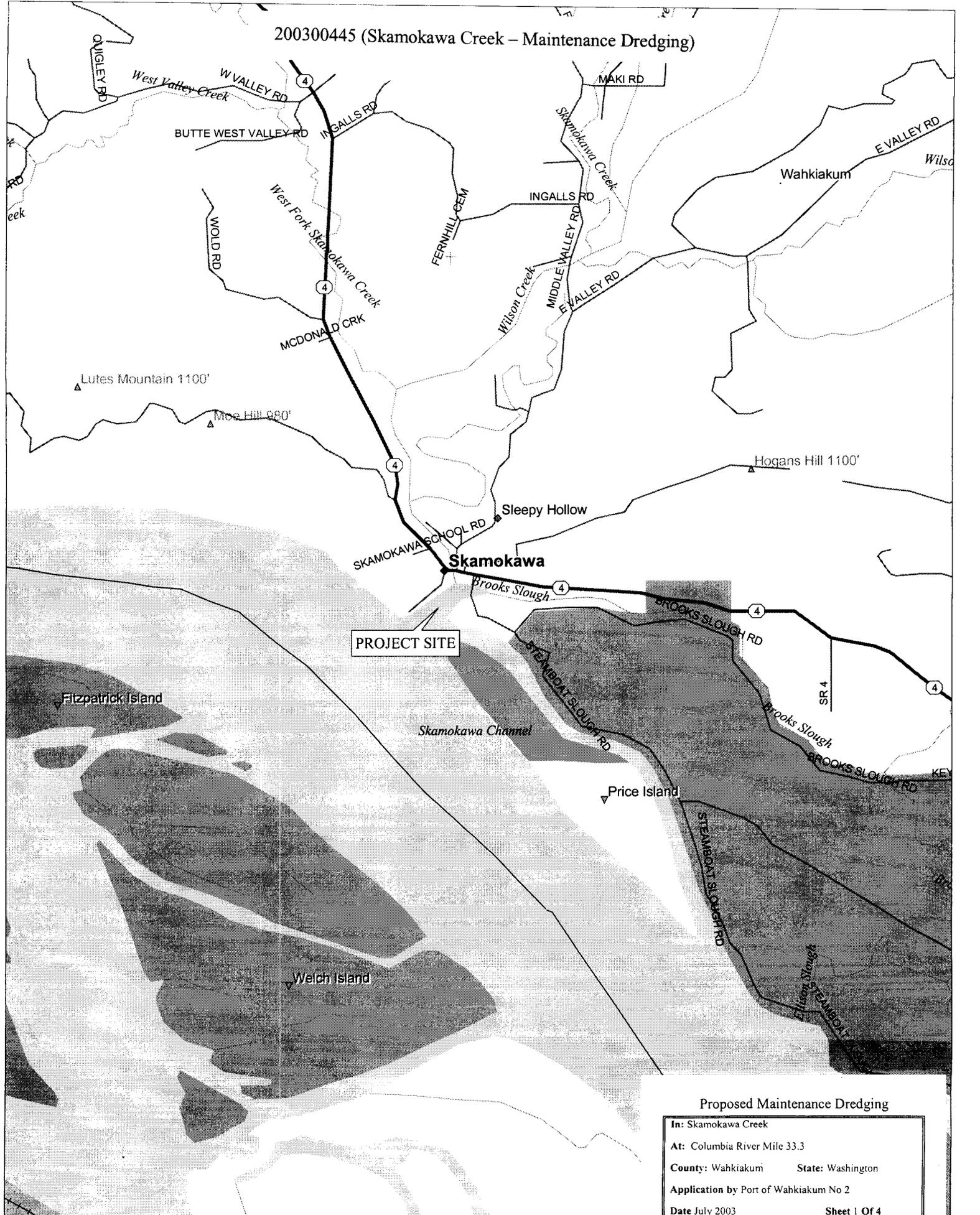
**Cultural Resources:** The described activity is not located on property registered or eligible for registration in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places. This notice has been provided to the State Historic Preservation Office.

**Evaluation:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**Additional Requirements:** State law requires that leases, easements, or permits be obtained for certain works or activity in the described waters. These State requirements must be met, where applicable, and a Department of the Army permit must be obtained before any work within the applicable Statutory Authority, previously indicated, may be accomplished. Other local governmental agencies may also have ordinances or requirements, which must be satisfied before the work is accomplished.

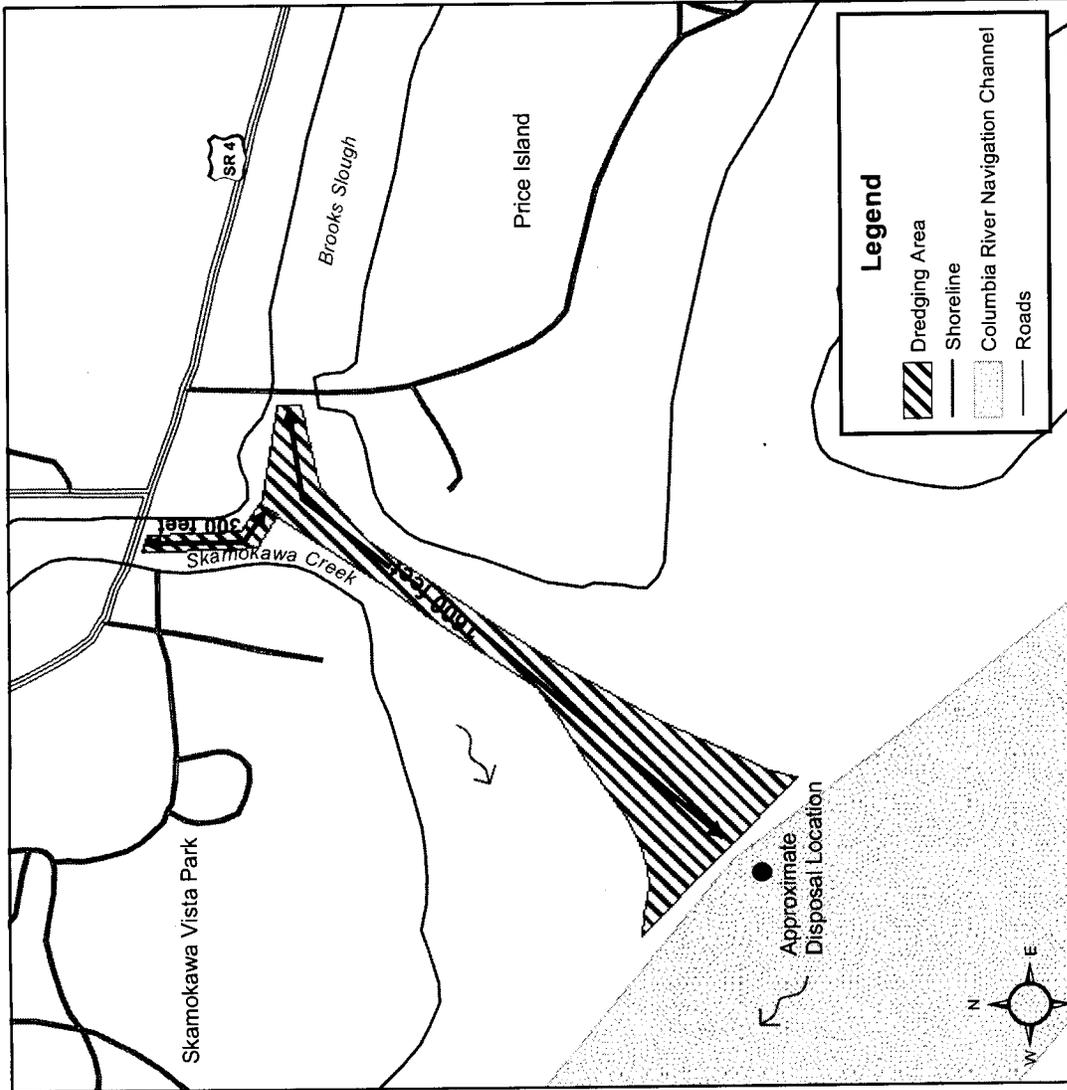
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Proposed Maintenance Dredging

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At: Columbia River Mile 33.3  
County: Wahkiakum State: Washington  
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Port of Wahkiakum No. 2  
 Skamokawa Creek Dredging Project  
 ~ Dredging Area ~



**In-Water Disposal Location:** Columbia River Navigation Channel (to be coordinated with Jon Gornick, Columbia River Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredging Project)

**Upland Disposal Location:** Only if required, preference is for in-water disposal. The site would include settling ponds. Approximate size is 100 X 100'.

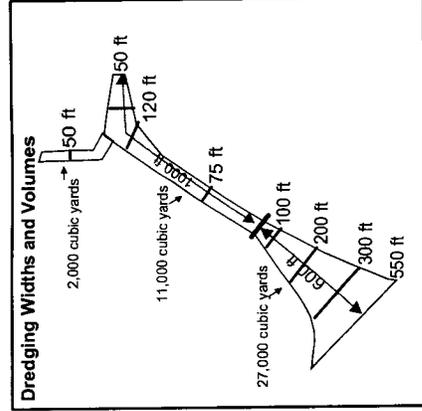
**Dredging Method:** Hydraulic Pipeline Dredge

**Quantity of Dredged Material:** 40,000 cubic yards over 5 years

**Width of Channel:** Varies (see drawing below)

**Length of channel:** 1,600 feet upstream to mouth of Brooks Slough  
 300 feet upstream past the confluence of Skamokawa Creek & Brooks Slough

**Depth of Channel:** 8 feet (6.5 feet plus 1.5 feet advance maintenance dredging)

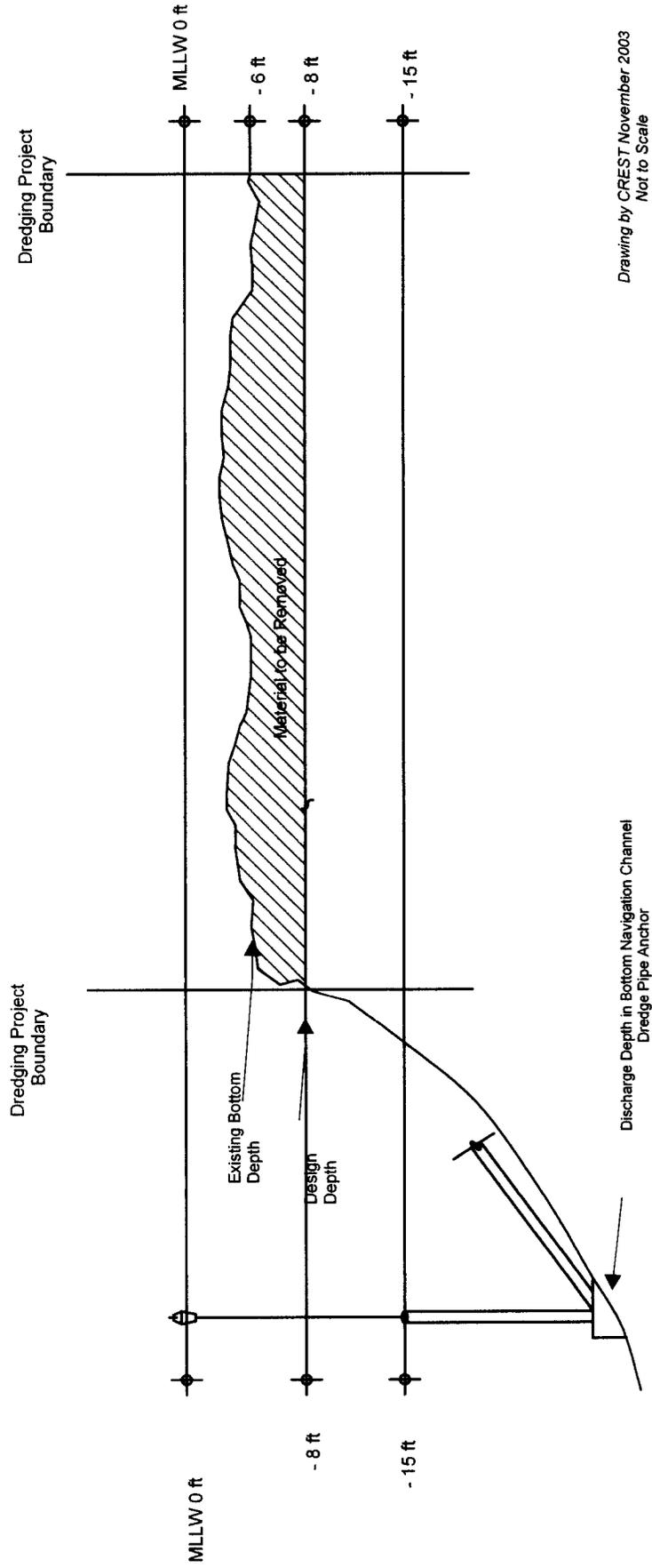


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*Skamokawa Creek Maintenance Dredging Project  
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Drawing by CREST November 2003  
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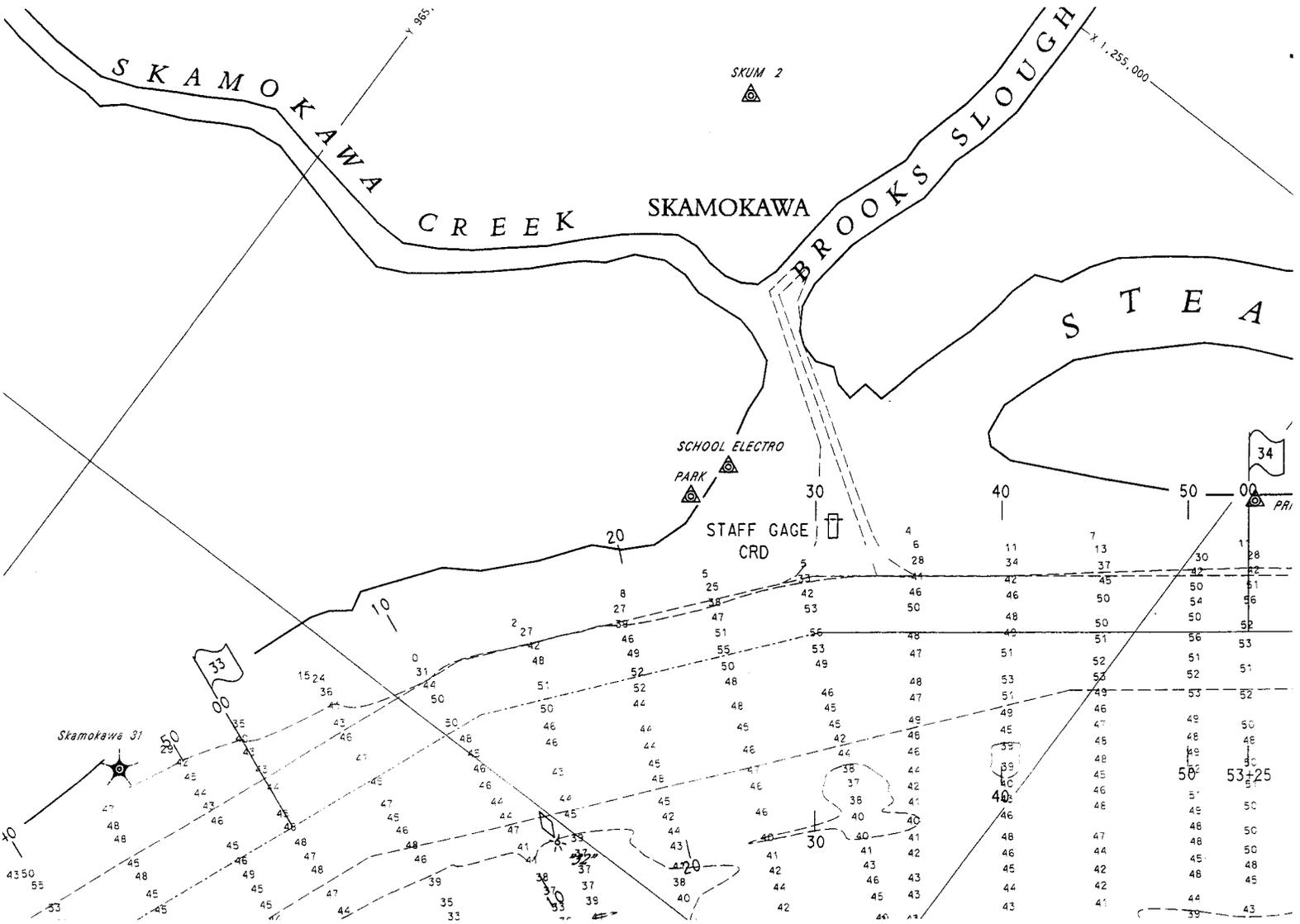
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Corps of Engineers Columbia River (Skamokawa Bar) Hydrographic Map  
 Dated 20 February 2004

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for  
Water Quality Certification

Date: MAY 21, 2004

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200300445 will comply with the Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Notice is also given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 307(c) of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), to certify that the above-referenced project will comply with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that Program.

Any person desiring to present views pertaining to the project on either or both (1) compliance with water pollution control laws or (2) the project's compliance or consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator  
Department of Ecology  
SEA Program  
Post Office Box 47600  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600