

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)
NOTICE OF ACTION
PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR, WASHINGTON**

NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER SEPA, RCW 43.21.080 AND PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR RESOLUTION 2811, THAT THE PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR TOOK THE ACTION DESCRIBED IN (2) BELOW ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023.

1. **Action Deadline:** Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provision of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before October 26, 2023.
2. **Description of Agency Action:** The Port of Grays Harbor (Port) made a decision to retain the MDNS issued on July 28, 2023, and proceed with the Terminal 4 (T4) Expansion and Redevelopment Project (Proposed Project). Following this Notice of Action Taken, the Port will obtain required permits and approvals for this project and will continue to work directly with the Quinault Indian Nation as described in section 6 of this notice.
3. **Description of Proposal:** The Port's Proposed Project would increase rail and shipping capacity at T4 at the Port to accommodate growth of dry bulk, breakbulk, and roll-on/roll-off cargos. Elements of the Proposed Project include rail upgrades and site improvements, Terminal 4A cargo yard relocation and expansion, and T4 dock fender and stormwater upgrades. The Port would construct these project elements. The Proposed Project also includes a new export terminal by Ag Processing, Inc. (AGP), at T4. Together, the Port Project and AGP Project are referred to as the Proposed Project. The Port and AGP may construct the Proposed Project in phases.
4. **Location of Proposal:** The Port is located on the Pacific coast of Washington state in the cities of Hoquiam and Aberdeen in Grays Harbor County. The Port is located near where the Chehalis River enters Grays Harbor, approximately 15 miles east from the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of Grays Harbor.

The Project Area is in Township 17N; Range 09W; and Sections 7, 8, 17, and 18. The coordinates (North American Datum of 1983 [NAD83]) of T4 are 46.96083 N latitude/-123.83973 W longitude. The coordinates of the casting basin site are 46.965956 N latitude/-123.833776 W longitude.

The Project Area includes Grays Harbor County Parcels 517090732001, 052209400001, 056402300000, 029902000200, 317090834003, 029902000102, 317090834004, 029902000103, 317090834001, and 029902000101. In addition to the properties previously identified, the Proposed Project would also include rail upgrades in the PSAP right-of-way in the vicinity of the rail crossings at South Monroe Street and South Washington Street, in Aberdeen, Washington.

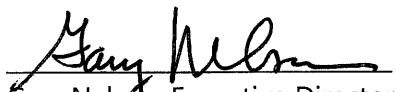
5. **Type of Environmental Review Under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA):** The Port is the SEPA lead agency for the proposal. The Port reviewed project information, prepared a SEPA

Environmental Checklist with 20 attached technical studies and environmental documents, and determined the Proposed Project does not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment. A SEPA environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This resulted in issuance of a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance on July 28, 2023, with a comment period that ended on August 28, 2023.

6. The Port reviewed and considered comments received during the 30-day public comment period, including comments from the Quinault Indian Nation. The Port acknowledges the Nation's Treaty-reserved rights and is committed to protecting and enhancing the Nation's access and ability to exercise those rights on the waters of the Chehalis River and Grays Harbor. The Port is committed to identifying and communicating potential conflicts between the Nation's ability to exercise its Treat-reserved rights and the Port's access to the Grays Harbor Navigational Channel and use of its marine terminals. The Port is also committed to ongoing direct work with the Nation to address environmental concerns identified by the Nation as the Port proceeds with planning for the Project.
7. **Document Availability:** SEPA documents, including this Notice of Action, are available on the project website at: <https://www.portofgraysharbor.com/t4-project>.
8. **Name of Agency, Proponent, or Applicant Giving Notice:** Port of Grays Harbor
9. **Person Filing Notice:**

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DATE September 25, 2023



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