



LA CONNER MARINA DREDGE PROJECT

FACT SHEET

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Port of Skagit will commence dredging of the South and North Basins of the La Conner Marina beginning in the summer of 2018. The project will restore the basin depths to -12 feet at mean lower low water (MLLW).

In addition to dredging, the Port will replace approximately 30 float piles in deteriorated condition in both the South and North Basins throughout the project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Dredging begins after July 15, 2018 and will continue through February 14, 2019. The project will begin in the South Basin in 2018. We anticipate that dredging in the North Basin will begin in 2019.

Port staff is working with the contractor to develop a project schedule for the summer and fall of 2018. We anticipate having that schedule by June 1st and will share that information with our boaters as soon as it is available.

We anticipate the project to be complete within three (3) years. Our U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit restricts dredging activity to between July 15th and February 14th each year to protect fish habitat. No dredging will occur outside of that work window.

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

The Port has issued a contract to Pacific Pile and Marine, Inc., a qualified marine contractor and dredge operator, to complete the project.

The project will be overseen by Port project management staff and our project engineer with Geo Engineers, Inc.

BOAT RELOCATION

During the project it will be necessary to clear all boats from one side of each dock while the contractor works in that area. The fairways and slips will be dredged.

Port staff will provide as much advance notice as possible to affected tenants prior to entering a new work area. It is the Port's preference that boaters move their own boat when needed. If necessary, the Port will complete the boat move in coordination with the affected tenant.

Displaced boats will be temporarily relocated to F Dock or to the North Basin while dredging occurs. The Port has reserved space on F Dock and in North Basin slips to accommodate the project.

STAGING AREA

The contractor will stage their equipment on F Dock during the South Basin dredge phase in 2018 and 2019. As the project moves to the North Basin in 2019, the staging area will be relocated to G Dock.

PROJECT NEED

The marina accumulates sediment from the Swinomish Channel over time. Our bathymetric surveys show that areas within the marina have lost between 3 and 6 feet of depth since the marina was last dredged between 2003 and 2005. The project will ensure safe, navigable conditions in the marina.

The Marina needs to be dredged every ten (10) years on average.

WORK TO REDUCE DREDGING NEED

Dredging is a fact of life on many waterways with still-water areas and the Swinomish Channel is no exception. The USACE is developing plans to repair sections of the Swinomish Channel jetty south of the Marina, which will help reduce sediment transport into the Swinomish Channel.

PROJECT COMMUNICATION

This Fact Sheet will be updated throughout the project as new information becomes available.

The Fact Sheet and project updates will be available soon at <http://www.portofskagit.com/la-conner-marina/la-conner-marina-dredge-project/>.

Port staff will communicate with boaters throughout the project using the email addresses and phone numbers that we have on record. Please contact the marina at harbormaster@portofskagit.com to provide this information if you have not previously done so or if you have made changes to your contact information.

If you need assistance or have concerns during the project, please contact Harbormaster, Darla Pyke at:

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