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APE Memorandum

Boat Haven Breakwater Replacement Project
Port of Port Townsend, Jefferson County

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

The Port of Port Townsend is proposing to replace the breakwater at Boat Haven Marina in the commercial basin area, which was damaged by a storm in December 2018. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the Area of Potential Effect (APE) per 36 CFR 800.16(d) for the Boat Haven Breakwater Replacement Project in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Project Description

This project will rehabilitate approximately 590 feet of the Boat Haven Main Breakwater, originally constructed in the 1930s and modified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) during the Boat Haven expansion in the early 1960s. The Port-owned breakwater, now significantly deteriorated, is essential to the protection of several critical structures, including the adjoining USACE-authorized breakwater, the Boat Haven Marina, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter Osprey's berth, the Port Townsend Boat Yard, and live seafood off-loading facilities. The restoration plan involves regarding the sand core and enhancing the structure with additional rock protection to meet minimum design depth requirements. All rock placement and excavation will occur above the -2 Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) line within the original footprint, though some repositioning of existing riprap below the tide line may be necessary to create a stable base for new materials. The project aims to seamlessly integrate with the adjoining USACE-authorized structure, ensuring the long-term stability of the breakwater and the vital operations it protects.

Project Location

The project is a section of breakwater near the entrance of the Boat Haven Marina located in Port Townsend, Jefferson County, Washington, within Section 11 of Township 30N, Range 01W (*figure 1*).

Proposed Area of Potential Effects

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project is limited to the footprint of construction and staging, consisting of the existing breakwater (*figure 2*).

Cultural Resource Inventory

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) WISAARD database was reviewed on November 13, 2024, to identify cultural resource studies, archaeological sites, registered properties, properties, cemeteries, and traditional cultural places (TCPs) that had been previously recorded in or adjacent to the proposed APE.

Based on the WISAARD review, two points of interest were identified within and near the vicinity of the project APE. Both points reference a historic vessel named "Adventuress" and hold a "No Determination" status on the National Register of Historic Places. The first point, Property ID 184904, is recorded within the project APE, while the second point, Property ID 159409, is located slightly farther out from the breakwater (*see figure 3*). Both points share the same name, description, and details in the WISAARD database, indicating that they likely refer to the same vessel. This historic vessel built in 1913 and later repurposed as a museum, is described in a Vernacular style with wood-clad walls.

Based on further investigation, we believe that both Property ID 184904 and Property ID 159409 refer to the same vessel, the "Adventuress." Currently, the "Adventuress" serves as an active tourist boat that operates throughout Puget Sound, with its home port at the Boat Haven Marina in Port Townsend. The WISAARD listing may have been intended to record the vessel's association with the marina rather than a stationary location within the project APE, as the boat actively comes and goes from the marina and is not permanently situated within or near the APE.

Conclusion

Based on the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) WISAARD database search conducted on November 13, 2024, two records for a historic vessel named "Adventuress" (Property ID 184904 and Property ID 159409) were identified, one of which is mapped within the project APE. Since both records share the same name, description, and historical details, we assume these records refer to the same vessel. However, as the vessel actively moves throughout Puget Sound and is only intermittently at the Boat Haven Marina, its presence does not directly impact the project APE. All work will be contained to the breakwater area above the -2 MLLW tide line. Therefore, we determine that the project will have no effect on the historic vessel, "Adventuress."

Therefore, on behalf of Port of Port Townsend, we request your approval of the AOE for the Boat Haven Breakwater Replacement Project. Should you have any questions about this memorandum or require additional information, please contact Ross Widener at (425)-332-3961 or ross@widener-enviro.com.

Sincerely,



Ross Widener
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Figure 1. Vicinity Map

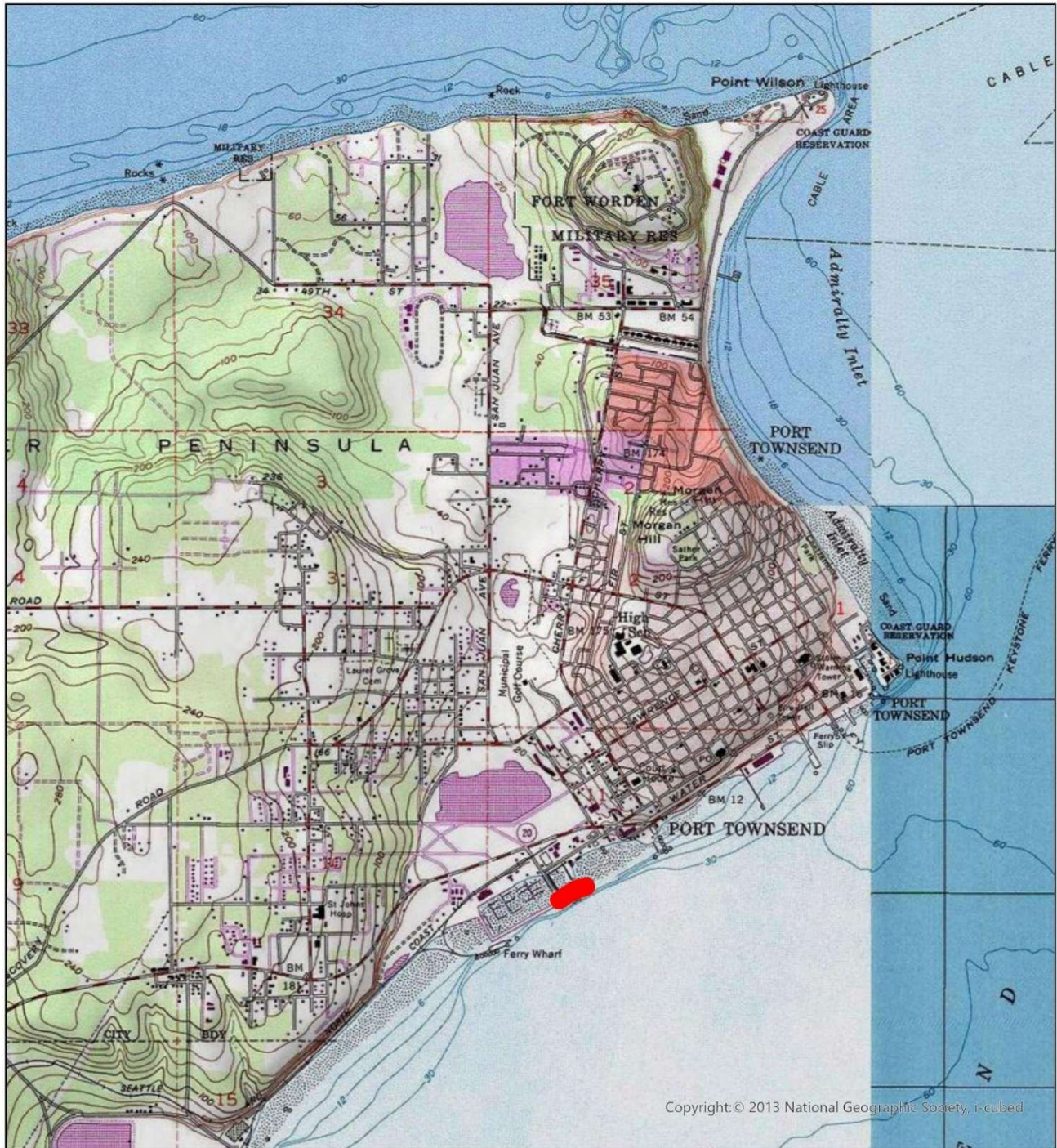


Figure 1: Vicinity Map

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Township 30N, Range 01W, Section 11

Project Area



Figure 2. APE Map

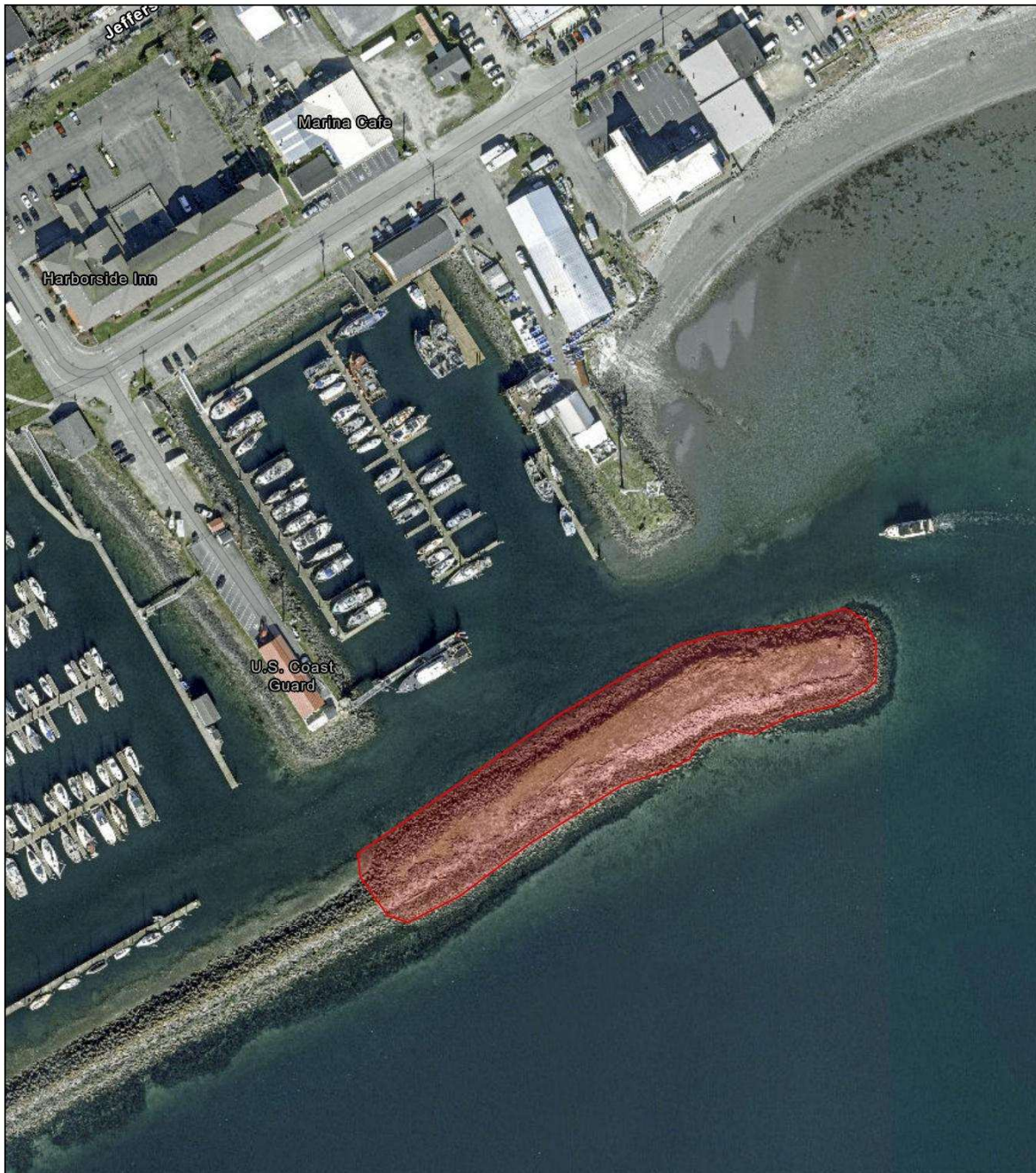


Figure 2: APE Map

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 APE

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Figure 3. WISSARD Map – Property ID: 184904 and 159409

