

Portland Harbor Superfund Site: Information Management and Institutional Control Plans

An Invitation to Agencies and Trustees to Participate in a Needs Assessment



Purpose

A ten-mile stretch of the Lower Willamette River is undergoing a long-term environmental cleanup overseen by EPA. Under an agreement with EPA, the City of Portland and State of Oregon through the Department of State Lands are laying the groundwork to make site-specific and harbor-wide information publicly accessible and transparent, during and after the cleanup. Agencies and Trustees (Federal and State resource agencies and Tribal Governments) are invited to participate in a needs assessment starting in June for this information management effort.

The purpose of the needs assessment is to (1) gather input on formats for useful and consistent presentation of cleanup information and environmental data and (2) gather information to describe the institutional controls (ICs) for the cleanup, including how harbor-wide and site-specific ICs will be documented, tracked and communicated.

Are you involved in:

- *Consulting with EPA on cleanup activities?*
- *Permitting or authorization activities within the Portland Harbor that will occur during or after cleanup?*

Why we need your input

Trustees with oversight roles during cleanup and Agencies with permitting or management roles in Portland Harbor, may be involved in:

- Use of cleanup data generated by the Superfund program
- Consulting with EPA on cleanup activities

- IC (see 1st box) implementation
- Activities (see 2nd box) that affect, or may be affected by, established ICs

This input will be collected for a Needs Assessment, which will be used to develop a Portland Harbor Information Management Plan (IMP) and harbor-wide Programmatic Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan (PICIAP). We need your input to develop tools (such as a publicly accessible electronic information management system) that will provide information about on-going activities and ICs. Agencies or Trustees may need to consider this information as part of your involvement in cleanup activities or post-cleanup activities in and along the river.

ICs help protect the remedy, the public, and the environment, and may include:

Administrative and legal tools

- Regulated Navigation Areas and other waterway use restrictions (e.g., swimming, anchoring)
- Land use restrictions (e.g., conservation easements, deed restrictions)

Physical protections resulting from administrative and legal tools

- No-wake-zone buoys and other signage
- Fencing or other barriers

Educational tools

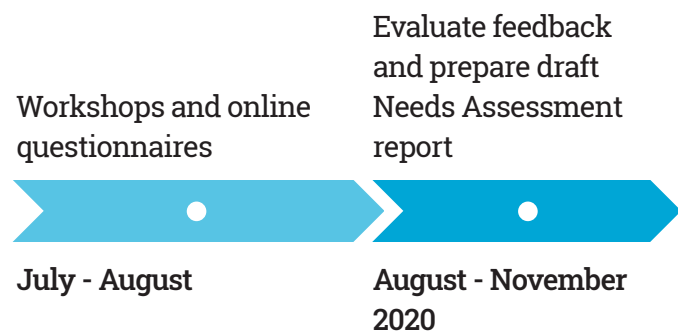
- Lower Willamette Fish Advisory

Your input will help identify:

- What cleanup data and IC information should be included in these plans, and ultimately in an information management system, as well as how best to present it.
- Your experience accessing and using Portland Harbor cleanup data, or other IC-related data, that might provide a useful example for the plans or information management system.
- Potential opportunities to assist in agency coordination, including facilitating permitting or other agency authorizations, through access to site cleanup data and IC information.

We want to hear from you!

As part of the Needs Assessment process, you are invited to share your input. Input will be gathered and evaluated as follows:



An invitation email will be sent to you to provide more details on the times of the workshop opportunities, and when to participate in the questionnaire. For further information, or to make sure you are on the distribution list, please contact Dawn Sanders at 503-823-7263 or dawn.sanders@portlandoregon.gov.

Activities that could affect, or be affected by, ICs

- Redevelopment
- Shoreline restoration/remediation
- Pile driving/removal
- Utility installation, alteration, or repair
- Dock/pier or other structure installation or maintenance
- Maintenance dredging
- Fill
- Anchoring
- Monitoring / Sampling
- Other encroachments

Additional opportunities for Advanced Data Users

Do you have experience using Portland Harbor cleanup data for technical purposes?

Do you anticipate a need for access to Portland Harbor cleanup data in the future?

If so, you may be interested in participating in the Advanced Data Users group, which is part of the needs assessment. Input from this group is technical, focusing on data management tools, analytics, and standardization for the information management system. For further information, please contact Erik Strandhagen at 503-436-6800 or eriks@cascadiaassociates.com.

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