



Environmental Fact Sheet
June 2000

Old Mill Marina Resort Site Investigation Garibaldi, Oregon

In July 2000, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be doing environmental sampling at the Old Mill Marina Resort. Approximately 100 samples will be taken from soils, sediments, surface water, and groundwater. Sampling results will help characterize potential sources of contamination at the site, and help EPA decide whether the contaminants are a threat to human health or the environment.

EPA's investigation is in response to a request from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). During 1999, DEQ received calls from site residents and local citizens expressing concerns about potential contamination at the site. Past investigations detected several contaminants, at varying levels, at the site. At certain levels, these contaminants could have adverse effects on human health and the environment.

What Will EPA Be Doing?

EPA will be sampling to learn if contaminants are present, and at what concentrations. The contaminants of concern are polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), formaldehyde, solvents, creosote, fuel components, and metals. Sediment and surface water samples will be collected from nearby Miami Cove. Soil and groundwater samples will be collected from the Old Mill Marina Resort.

After EPA receives the analytical results, we will compile a report and make it available to the public. We expect to finalize the report by December 2000.

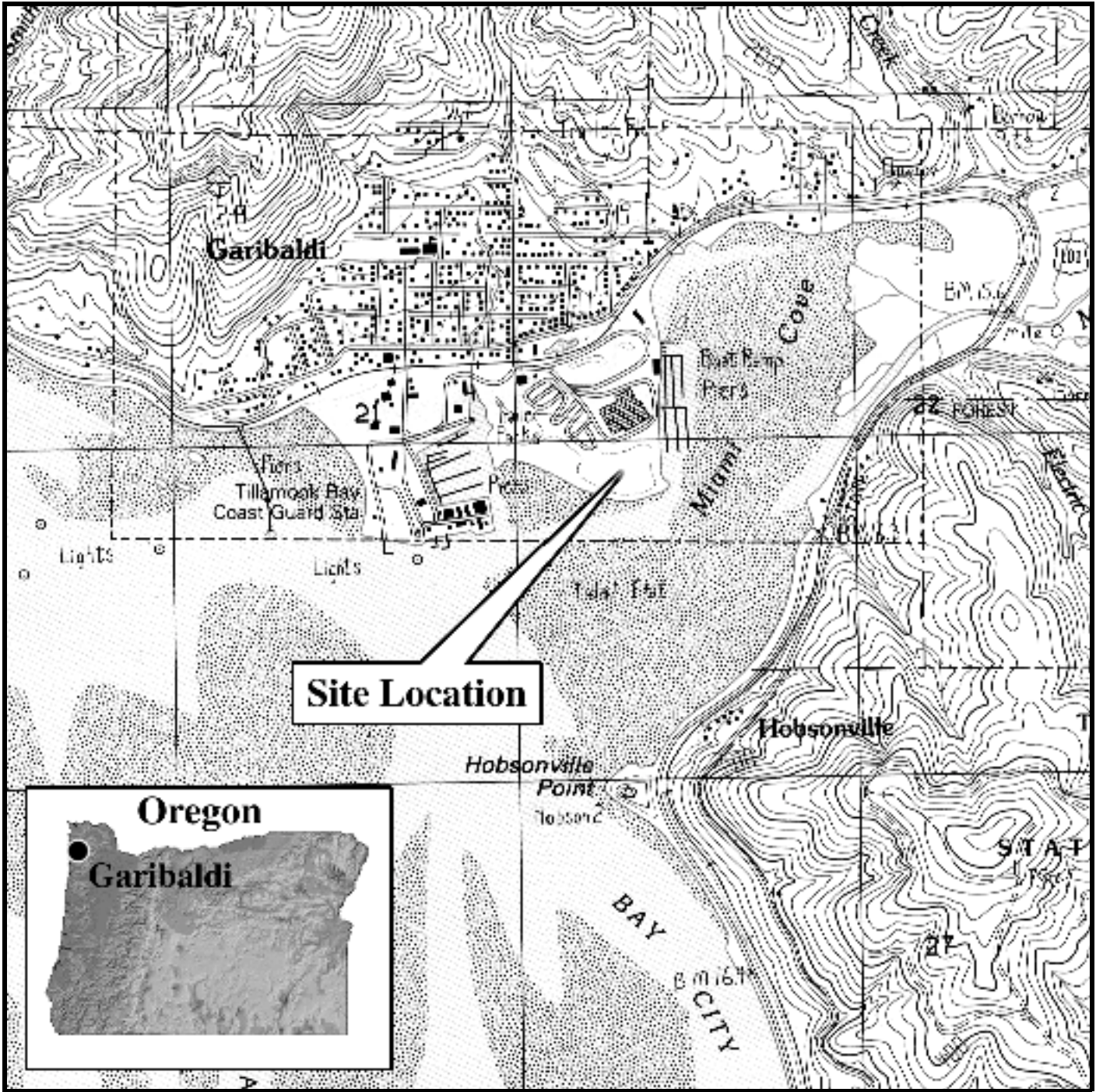
Background

Old Mill Marina Resort encompasses about 40 acres along the Oregon coast in Garibaldi. Today, the site is the location of an RV park, a boat storage area, a restaurant, a swimming pool, and a grocery store. Current industrial activities include small engine repair, fiberglass repair, and welding. Dredge spoils from past dredging of Tillamook Bay lie near the onsite dock. No groundwater wells are present.

In the past, the site was used for industrial purposes. A lumber mill was built in 1917. Lumber mills and a plywood manufacturing plant operated until the early 1970's, with the exception of the period between 1935 and the mid-1940's, when the site was temporarily abandoned. By 1950, a powerhouse, substation, and circuit breaker shed stood onsite. A 1955 aerial photo identified a waste disposal area located beneath what is now the RV park.

Environmental Concerns

The resort sits on a broad peninsula that extends into the Miami Cove estuary, where the Miami River runs into Tillamook Bay. In 1992, EPA designated the Tillamook Bay as an estuary of national significance. Sensitive wildlife, including the coho salmon (listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act) live in the natural areas near the Old Mill Marina Resort. The contaminants of interest in this investigation are known to cause adverse effects to humans, animals, and fish. Additionally, some contaminants, including PCBs and some metals, can persist in the environment and build up gradually over time in human and animal tissues.



Old Mill Marina Resort, Garibaldi, Oregon

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