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Bradford Island CERCLA* Site

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* Comprehensive Environmental Response,
Compensation and Liability Act



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PROJECT GOALS

Reduce or Eliminate Potential Risks

- Near term
 - ◆ Remove the worst PCB-impacted sediments from the river
- Long term
 - ◆ Identify sources of contamination
 - ◆ Investigate nature and extent of contamination
 - ◆ Complete human health and environmental risk assessments
 - ◆ Recommend clean-up remedies
 - ◆ Implement clean-up remedies



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STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

- Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
 - ◆ OR Department of Environmental Quality
 - ◆ US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - ◆ National Marine Fisheries Service
 - ◆ Corps of Engineers (Seattle, Portland)
 - ◆ Tribal (Umatilla, Yakama, Nez Perce, Grand Rhonde, Warm Springs and Cowlitz)
 - ◆ Bonneville Power Administration
 - ◆ Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission



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STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

- Community Involvement Committee (CIC);
Volunteer Members
 - ◆ City of Cascade Locks
 - ◆ City of North Bonneville
 - ◆ Skamania County
 - ◆ Columbia Riverkeeper
 - ◆ Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership
 - ◆ Nez Perce Tribe
 - ◆ Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area



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HISTORY

BRADFORD ISLAND





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Bradford Island Project Area



1995 aerial photograph of eastern portion of Bradford Island.



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Bradford Island landfill and shoreline area (looking east)





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Electrical equipment removed in 2002





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NEXT STEPS

- Sediment removal (near term)
- Detailed investigation (long term)



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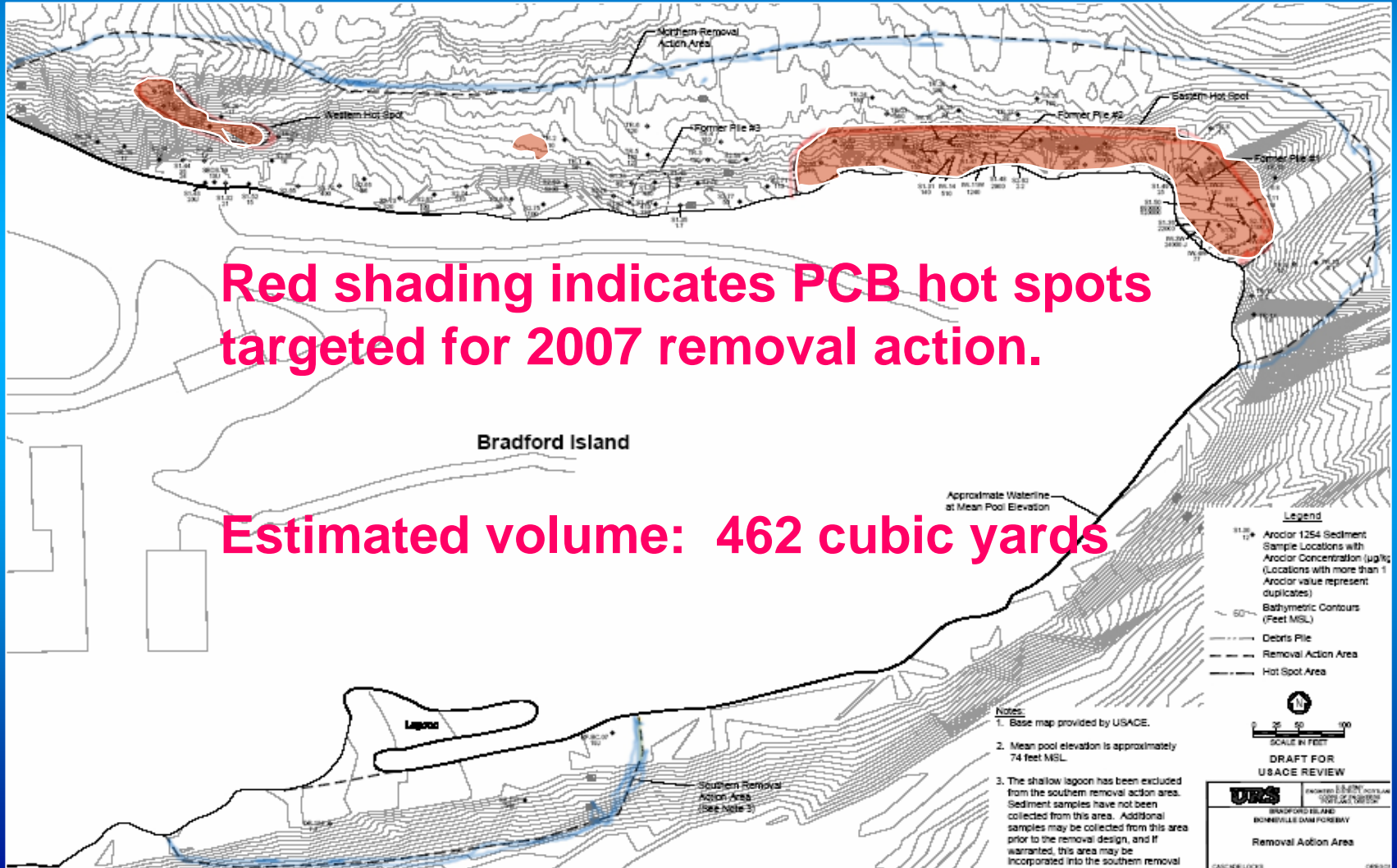
SEDIMENT REMOVAL

- Sediment removal goals
 - ◆ Removes 94% of the PCB
 - ◆ Very effective at risk reduction
 - ◆ Compatible with future in-water remedial actions
 - ◆ May achieve adequate protection levels without further action (conservative factors used in design)
 - ◆ Can be done using standard methods
 - ◆ Least cost (approx 50% less than any other alternative)



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2007 PCB SEDIMENT REMOVAL





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SEDIMENT REMOVAL

- Diver Assisted Suction of Bottom Sediments
 - ◆ Working from clean areas
 - ◆ Move cobbles to remove sediments underneath
- Return Water
 - ◆ Settlement thru 24 tanks, settling basin and filter fabric
 - ◆ Sand Filter (removes remaining particulates)
 - ◆ Activated Carbon Filter (removes dissolved PCBs)
- Final Placement (Disposal)
 - ◆ Sampled and characterized for transport and disposal
 - ◆ Trucked to appropriate facility



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DETAILED INVESTIGATION

- 2007 – Complete Work Plan (September 2007)
- 2008 – Complete sampling
 - ◆ Upland sampling
 - ◆ In-water sampling
- 2009 – Risk assessment
- 2009 – Record of decision (ROD)
- 2010 – Design of clean-up (remedial) actions
- 2011 – Implement actions