

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND REQUEST
FOR COMMENTS ON APPLICATION FOR
SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. SL 17-0992**

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.140, WAC 173-27-110, CCC 19.20.020 and CCC 19.11.090, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview, LLC (MBT-Longview) has filed application for a shoreline substantial development permit and shoreline conditional use permit, to construct and operate a coal shipping and export terminal within the shoreline jurisdiction of the Columbia River. As proposed, the facility would be capable of receiving, stockpiling, and loading coal by conveyor onto ships for export. Proposed activities include receiving coal at the site by rail, storing coal at the facility, and loading coal onto ships for export. The proposed project includes construction of eight rail lines on the site; two new docks on the Columbia River, dredging to enable vessel access between the Columbia River shipping lanes and the new docks, two ship loaders; coal stockpile pads; and associated facilities, conveyors, and equipment. The MBT-Longview proposal is for a facility that would have capacity to handle 44 million metric tons of coal annually.

Per the requirements of the Cowlitz County critical areas ordinance (CCC 19.15) the project application includes a Mitigation Plan evaluating wetland and fish and wildlife habitat impacts, discussing onsite and construction impact-minimization measures, and proposing habitat mitigation at onsite and offsite locations. The Columbia River at the project site is an urban shoreline of statewide significance.

The project is located at 4029 Industrial Way, Longview, WA, within; Sections 25,26,35 and 36, Township 8 North, Range 3 West, W.M; approximately river mile 63; Parcel #s 619530400, 61950, 61953, WDNR Aquatics Land Lease #20-B09222, and BPA Parcels 61954 and 6195303.

The off-site mitigation site is located approximately one mile northwest of the project site on unaddressed parcel #s WL2216001, 60860 and 608600100 off of Barlow Point Rd., Longview, WA, within; Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 3 West, W.M.; approximately river mile 62.

The application was received February 22, 2012. The application was determined to be complete September 5th, 2017. The public has the right to comment on the application, receive written notice of, and participate in, public meetings or hearings on the project, and/or receive a copy of the decision made on the application. Persons wanting to comment, request notice of meetings, or copies of decisions should send written comments or requests to: COWLITZ COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND PLANNING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 207 FOURTH AVENUE NORTH, KELSO, WA 98626, within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice.

The Cowlitz County Department of Building and Planning and the Washington State Department of Ecology (the Agencies), as co-lead agencies under the State Environmental Policy Act, issued a Determination of Significance and Request for Comments on the Scope of the EIS for the Proposed Action on August 9, 2013, and a revised Determination of Significance on September 9, 2013. The Agencies invited local agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, tribes, organizations, and members of the public to comment on the scope of the EIS during a 95-day scoping period that began on August 16, 2013, and closed November 18, 2013. Approximately 217,500 comments were received. The Agencies released a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on April 29, 2016. A 45-day public comment period for the DEIS was held from April 29 through June 13, 2016. Subsequently, the Agencies issued a final EIS (FEIS) per WAC 197-11-560 on April 28, 2017. Lead agency responses to all timely and substantive comments are included in Volume IV of the FEIS. Copies of the FEIS and other application materials are currently on file with the Department of Building and Planning, and are also available for public review online on the County website at: <http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=1559>

A staff report, recommendation and all pertinent review comments will be transmitted to the Cowlitz County Hearing Examiner for action on the application at an open record public hearing to be scheduled after the close of the shoreline comment period. Notice of the public hearing will be made at least 30 days prior to the public hearing. Interested parties have the right to appeal the Hearing Examiner's decision to the Shorelines Hearings Board per RCW 90.58.180.

Other local, state and federal governmental approvals are required for the proposed development possibly including, but not limited to, Cowlitz County building permit and fill and grade permit, WDFW Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA), Ecology Section 401 water quality certification, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Air Discharge Permit (SWCAA), and Sections 404, 408 and 10 permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers. It is the applicant's responsibility to ascertain the requisite permits and obtain them. Obtaining local permits does not relieve the applicant of the necessity of acquiring all requisite state and federal permits for this project.

DATE OF SHORELINE NOTICE: September 8, 2017

SHORELINE COMMENTS DUE: October 8, 2017

Please send your shoreline comments to: Ron Melin, Senior Environmental Planner, at ShorelineComments@co.cowlitz.wa.us

cc:

Application File

FEIS Notice of Availability Email Blast List (Elaine)

SEPA Notification List (Laura)