WHY IS WORK BEING DONE?

Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD) Puget Sound operated from 1904 to 1959. The Navy operated an ammunition depot and transported military munitions in and out of Ostrich Bay where some munitions may have been lost during handling or transport. The Remedial Investigation (RI) has been completed to determine where these items may exist and a Feasibility Study (FS) was conducted to determine what, if anything, needs to be done to protect human health and the environment from the munition contamination located in Ostrich Bay. This work has been conducted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The preferred alternative for cleanup of any remaining munitions of concern is documented in a Proposed Plan for public comments on the proposed work. All required remedial actions for the site or OU are documented in the ROD. The ROD includes a summary of site conditions, selected remedy, remedial action objectives, and the rationale for selecting the remedy. Once this work is completed no contamination will remain in the Ostrich Bay. You will find the Proposed Plan at https://go.usa.gov/kQbe.

HOW LONG WILL THE **CLEANUP TAKE?**

Dredging and diving is anticipated to take three to four field seasons and be completed during summer months (July-August). The work is limited to a few months each year to avoid impacts to fish and fish habitat.

WHAT KIND OF MUNITIONS WERE LOST IN **OSTRICH BAY?**

Based on records from Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD) Puget Sound, the following munitions were most commonly assembled and stored at the site:

- Small arms ammunition (stored only) (found and removed)
- Fuses (found and removed)
- 20-millimeter (mm) projectiles (found and removed)
- 40 mm projectiles (found and removed)
- 5-inch projectiles (found and removed)
- 14-inch projectiles (found and removed in upland only)

OU3 MARINE PROPOSED PLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS IT SAFE TO USE THE BAY NOW? HOW WILL THE NAVY PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS?

Yes it is safe to use the Bay. There are currently no restrictions on use of the Bay for recreation or fishing related to explosive concern. In areas where munitions items with high explosives were found or are still suspected, there are notifications on marine charts to inform the public and to provide information on what to do in case a suspected munition item is found.

Nautical Charts 18449 and 18474 cover Ostrich Bay and include the following cautionary note:

CAUTION **UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE**

Mariners and divers are cautioned against anchoring, dredging, trawling or otherwise disturbing the bottom sediments in this vicinity due to the possible existence of unexploded ordnance. For additional information contact Naval Base Kitsap Public Affairs Office at (360) 627-4030.

Members of the public may call 911 if a suspected item is found, as is done on the upland portions of the former NAD

Munitions items were not found in most parts of the Bay. There are no reports of any incidents resulting from Discarded Military Munitions-High Explosives in Ostrich Bay, nor are there reports stating that the public located a munition item containing high explosives in Ostrich Bay (items have been found in the uplands, which are part of a separate Operable Unit).

Munitions associated with NAD were not "live", they were not fused or fired or otherwise maintained in a condition to explode. Operations at NAD included assembly, handling and transport.

The Navy is proposing to remove munitions that could pose an explosive hazard in the 10-acre area where they are suspected to be located.

HOW LONG HAVE DISCARDED MUNITIONS **BEEN IN THE BAY?**

There have been no activities since 1959 that would result in any additional military munitions being lost in Ostrich Bay.

WHAT IF THE SEDIMENTS TO BE **DREDGED HAVE OTHER CONTAMINATION? WILL THAT CONTAMINATION BE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE BAY?**

The Navy will be testing sediments for chemical contaminations and will comply with State and Federal regulations regarding either placing the sediments back in the Bay or disposing of the sediments in an approved manner.

HOW MUCH WILL CLEANUP COST? ARE **THERE LESS EXPENSIVE OPTIONS?**

The current cost estimate is \$11,730,000. Other alternatives are less expensive, but they do not remove the military munitions. Leaving munitions in place is a moderate risk. The Navy is required to perform a removal of military munitions if they are aware of their presence prior to transferring land out of Navy control.

WHAT WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE **IN OSTRICH BAY?**

The Navy began investigation and removal of munitions in 1981 to clean up areas around the Pier where munitions were suspected. Since that time, the Navy has performed an investigation covering Ostrich Bay. This includes all areas where munitions may have been lost during loading/unloading and transporting as well as areas of the Bay where there was no record of Navy presence. Where metal items were found, the Navy sent divers to determine whether or not the item was military in nature, a military munition, or metal debris. As part of the investigation, all of these items were removed and properly disposed of. There is an area of approximately 10 acres surrounding the remaining pier where munitions are present and will be cleaned up as part of the proposed plan.

The Navy has done an extensive investigation and, once cleanup is completed, military munitions should be cleared from all of Ostrich Bay. There is never certainty that all munitions have been removed, but all of the locations showing the potential of a metal object will have been searched and any military munition will have been removed. In addition, the Navy has marked on Navigation Charts 18449 and 18474 a cautionary note where munitions were removed during the investigation and will include those found during the future cleanup.

WILL ANY MUNITIONS REMAIN IN THE **BAY AFTER THE CLEANUP?**

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I'VE FOUND MILITARY MUNITIONS?

CALL 911 AND REPORT THE LOCATION OF THE ITEM AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO YOU BY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. DO NOT REMOVE THE ITEM FROM THE WATER. **TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WILL ASSESS AND DETERMINE THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION.**

I HAVE SHELLFISH BEDS ON MY **PROPERTY - HOW WILL THIS WORK AFFECT THEM?**

The current plan limits activity to the pier area adjacent to The Landings housing complex (formerly Jackson Park Housing Complex). This area is managed by the Navy under a deed with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Current speeds are relatively weak, averaging 0.1 knot. It is not anticipated that dredging would impact any property outside the Navy deed area.