

SAFETY CONCERNS

What is the history of safety concerns in Ostrich Bay?

- Between 1904 and 1959 munitions were transported through Ostrich Bay. Navy Ammunition Depot was an Assembly, disassembly and transportation depot.
- No incidents related to Discarded Military Munitions (DMM) from the former Navy Ammunition Depot have been reported or otherwise identified.
- There are currently no restrictions of use for Ostrich Bay based on the presence of DMM items containing high explosives.
- A Notice to Mariners was in effect until 2009 for the area around Pier 2 asking that the sediments in that area not be disturbed due to the possibility of DMM.

What is the safety concern?

- The EPA and Navy have jointly developed an Exposure Pathway of Concern for divers with air lances (geoduck harvesting).
- Interacting with munitions could result in severe harm: explosion or chemical burns.

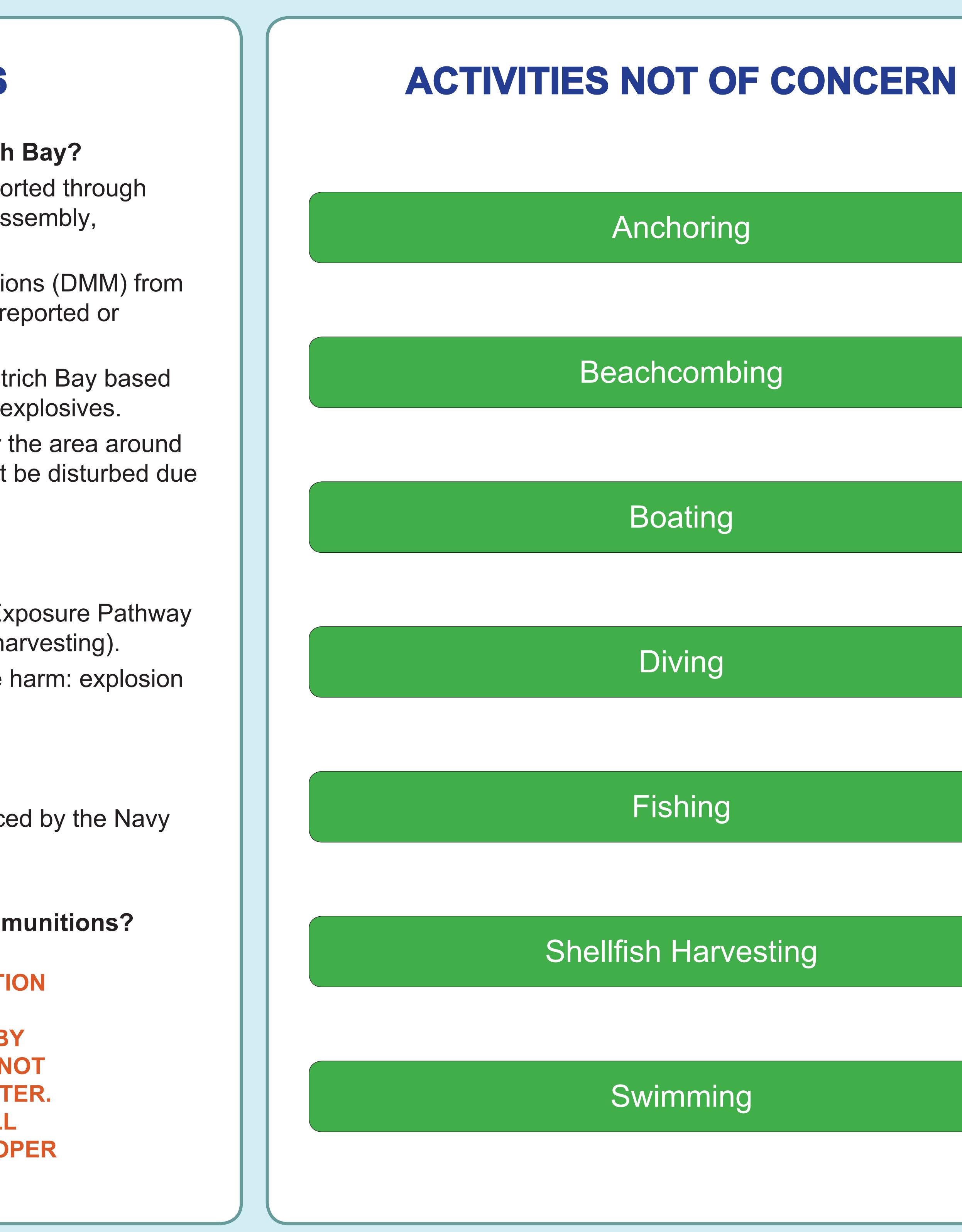
What steps can be taken?

 Any safety concern that is present can be reduced by the Navy properly removing remaining DMM.

What should I do if I think I have 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.

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NOSSA Position

Consultation with Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA) regarding this issue was held with the Project Team on March 28, 2016. At that meeting, NOSSA expressed its position that there is not a significant explosives hazard associated with encountering the DMM items containing high explosives (i.e., the 20 mm and 40 mm rounds) through activities associated with the conceptual site model.

Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board Position

No CERCLA-related long-term monitoring requirements for DMM exist at this time. The goal of this investigation is to reduce the area of concern for munitions throughout the bay and determine a remedy for a 10-acre area surrounding the pier. In July 2013, EPA and the Navy agreed that no long-term management is required for any portion of the site where no items of potential concern have been identified and/or areas where 100 percent identified anomaly removal has been completed. This agreement was formally signed by the Navy and EPA Region 10 Management in July 2013.

NOSSA STATEMENT