

Glossary

100-year floodplain	Areas with a 1% chance of flooding annually.
active channel margin	The shoreline and nearshore edge habitat, extending from the ordinary high water mark (+11.1 feet) to 0 feet Columbia River Datum.
air toxics	Pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects.
allision	The striking of a vessel with a fixed structure, such as a dock or vessel at berth.
ambient noise	Sum of all noise (from human and naturally occurring sources) at a specific location over a specific period.
anadromous	A life history strategy of fish that includes migration between fresh- and salt-water, in which reproduction and egg deposition occurs in freshwater while rearing to the adult stage occurs in the ocean.
annual average daily traffic	Measure of traffic level; refers to the total volume of traffic that passes an intersection or crossing each year divided by 365 days.
anthropogenic	Relating to, or resulting from the influence of human beings on the environment.
Applicant	Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview, LLC
Applicant's leased area	The approximately 540-acre site currently leased by the Applicant.
aquifer	Geologic layers that hold and transmit groundwater.
archaeological resources	Features and deposits located on or below the ground surface that are evidence of prior human occupation or use in a particular area.
attainment	Designation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicating a region's criteria pollutant concentrations meet federal air quality standards.
automatic block signal	A railroad electronic signal system that can control when a train can advance into the next section of track.
a-weighted decibel	Adjustable measure of noise level that approximates the frequency response of the human ear.
ballast	Crushed stone on which rail ties are laid and distributes the load from the rail ties and facilitates drainage.
ballast water	Water held in tanks on ships to provide stability and maneuverability. Commonly used to regulate weight of a ship that has been emptied of cargo.
baseline volume	The volume (such as trains or vehicles) before adding other volumes (such as trains or vehicles related to an action).

benthic habitat	The habitat occurring on the bottom or bed of a body of water, including the sediment surface and some sub-surface layers.
berm	A raised bank or strip bordering a river or canal.
best management practice	Methods or techniques found to be the most effective and practical means in achieving an objective while making the optimum use of resources.
black mud	Substance generated during the production of aluminum from the operation of the cryolite recovery process.
BNSF Spur	The approximate 2.0-mile-long railroad track between the BNSF main line and the Longview Switching Company yard.
bubble curtain	An underwater system that produces a curtain of bubbles, which acts as a barrier against shock waves, debris, or fish.
buffer bin	A mechanical apparatus used during the transfer of coal from the stockpile areas to ships and allow for the diversion of coal.
bulk commodity	Cargo transported unpackaged in large quantities in either liquid or granular form.
bunkering	The process of refueling a ship.
carbon dioxide-equivalent	A metric measure used to compare the emissions from various greenhouse gases based upon their global warming potential.
Cascadia Subduction Zone	A fault line between the North America tectonic plate and the Juan de Fuca plate beneath the Pacific Ocean.
centralized traffic control	Railroad control system where electrical circuits monitor the location of trains, allowing dispatchers to control train movements from a remote location, usually a central dispatching office.
coal dust nuisance impacts	Coal dust that affects the aesthetics, look, or cleanliness of a surfaces but not the health of humans and the environment.
coal tar pitch	Amorphous black or brown residue produced by the distillation or heat treatment of coal tar.
Columbia River Datum	Vertical datum established in 1911 for the Columbia River from the lower river to the Bonneville Dam.
conveyors	A mechanical apparatus for moving articles or bulk material from place to place by moving belt or a chain of receptacles.
criteria air pollutants	Common air pollutants regulated by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards: ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and lead.
critical area	Area protected by local jurisdictions through critical area regulations. Includes wetlands, areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas.

cultural resource	Broad range of resources that represent or convey a place’s heritage or help tell the story of a region’s past and are considered important to a community and worth preserving, such as a building, structure, object, site, landscape, or district associated with human manipulation of the environment.
culturally significant property	Site or location considered culturally important to the history of a group of people, or are locations where culturally important events or practices are known to have occurred.
cumulative impact	Impact that would result from the incremental addition of an action to impacts from past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.
day-night average noise level (Ldn)	A 24-hour average noise level with a 10-decibel upward adjustment of noise levels occurring at night to account for most peoples’ sensitivity to noise at night.
deadweight tonnage	A measure of how much weight a ship is carrying or can safely carry; the sum of the weights of cargo, fuel, fresh water, ballast water, provisions, passengers, and crew.
decibel	Unit for measuring sound pressure level.
deepwater zone	The area extending waterward from the shallow water zone, approximately 450 feet ranging in depth from -20 feet Columbia River Datum to -40 feet Columbia River Datum.
depressional wetland	Wetlands located in topographic depressions where surface water can accumulate.
distinct population segment	The smallest division of a taxonomic species permitted to be protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.
Dock 1	Existing dock in the Columbia River in the Applicant’s leased area.
Docks 2 and 3	Proposed docks in the Columbia River in the project area.
downgradient	The direction that groundwater flows.
draft (vessel)	The depth of water to which a ship sinks according to its load. The Columbia River’s deep draft navigation system provides for a 43-foot-deep by 600-footwide channel inside the Columbia River Bar.
dredge prism	Area of the bottom of a waterbody where substrate material will be removed during dredging. Typically a three-dimensional area, measured in cubic feet or cubic yards.
dredging	To clean out the bed of a harbor, river, or other area of water, by scooping out mud, weeds and other material with a dredge, or in-water excavating machine.
dry fog	Liquid droplets between 1-10 microns. Dry fog does not moisten exposed surfaces.
emergent vegetation	A plant rooted in the bed of a body of water, with stem and leaves extending above the surface of the water.

equivalent sound level (Leq)	Average sound energy level for a specified unit of time, frequently 1 hour.
eulachon	A small, anadromous fish from the eastern Pacific Ocean. Also called smelt, candlefish, or hooligan.
evolutionarily significant unit	A population of organisms that is considered distinct for purposes of conservation.
floodplain	An area of land adjacent a river or stream that floods during periods of high water discharge.
floodway	Channel and adjacent floodplain that contain floodwaters.
flow lane disposal	The discharge of dredged materials into in-river sites known to naturally scour during period of tide change or high water conditions.
fugitive emissions	Emissions that are not emitted from a stack, vent, or other specific point that control discharge.
General Land Office plat map	A map showing divisions of land produced by the General Land Office, which became the Bureau of Land Management in 1946.
geographic information systems	A system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of spatial or geographical data.
geotechnical boring	Below-ground boring to obtain soil strata. Typically done for geotechnical investigations, to establish soil compressibility, strength, and other characteristics likely to influence construction activities.
global warming potential	Measure of how effective a greenhouse gas is at trapping heat.
grade crossing	A location at which a road or street crosses a railroad at the same level, rather than over or under using a bridge or tunnel.
greenhouse effect	The retention of outgoing thermal energy and incoming solar energy in Earth's atmosphere.
greenhouse gases	Gaseous constituents of the atmosphere, both natural and anthropogenic, that absorb and emit radiation at specific wavelengths within the spectrum of terrestrial radiation emitted by Earth's surface, the atmosphere itself, and clouds. These constituents trap solar energy in the atmosphere and contribute to global warming and climate change.
groundwater	Water beneath the Earth's surface.
Handymax-class vessels	Vessels with deadweight tonnage of up to 60,000 tons with a draft of between 36 and 39 feet.
hazardous air pollutants	Air pollutants that are known or suspected of causing health effects.

historic resources	Elements of the built environment, such as buildings or structures, or human-made objects or landscapes that are listed in, or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Defined by the regulations for implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
horn noise	Sound of locomotive warning horns for public safety.
hydrogeomorphic classification	A functional assessment approach for classifying wetlands.
impervious surface area	Surfaces, such as roads, sidewalks, rooftops, and parking lots, that are covered in materials that do not allow for the infiltration of water, such as asphalt, concrete, brick, and stone.
level of service	A qualitative measure of traffic flow (on a scale of A through F) based on the delay (measured in seconds of delay per vehicle) experienced by vehicles at an intersection, or in this EIS, a railroad crossing.
locomotive	Rail transport vehicle that provides the motive power for a train.
main line	Railroad track used for through trains or is the principal artery of the railroad system from which yards, sidings, and spurs are connected.
manifest train	A freight train with a mixture of car types and cargoes.
megawatt	Standard of energy equal to 1 million watts, or 1,000 kilowatts.
noise contour	Line plotted on a map that shows equal noise levels.
nonpoint-source pollution	Pollution that originates from diffuse sources, such as land runoff, precipitation, atmospheric deposition, drainage, seepage or hydrologic modification.
ordinary high water mark	The line on the shore established by fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics.
outfall	The point where a river, drain, or sewer empties into another body of water.
palustrine wetland	An inland wetland that lacks flowing water, contains ocean-derived salts in concentrations of less than 0.5 parts per thousand, and is non-tidal.
Panamax vessel	Vessel with a deadweight tonnage between 60,000 and 100,000 tons and with a draft of between 42 and 49 feet.
particulate matter	The mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets suspended in the air, many of which are hazardous. The particles vary in size, composition, and origin. The National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) establish maximum concentrations for particle sizes with diameter of less than or equal to 10 micrometers (PM10) and particles with a mean diameter of less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5) in size.
pile	A pole made of wood, concrete, or steel that is driven deep into the ground to serve as structural support.
pinniped	A taxonomic classification for fin-footed marine mammals, including seals, sea lions, and walruses.

pollutant	A substance or energy introduced into the environment that has undesired effects, or adversely affects the usefulness of a resource.
potline	An electrically-connected row of reduction pots used in aluminum smelting.
practical capacity (railroad)	Number of trains that can be accommodated in a given time period, determined by signal type, number of tracks, and geometric limitations.
priority habitat and species	As defined by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, habitat types or elements with unique or significant value to a diverse assemblage of species. Priority species are those species that require protective measures for their survival due to their population status, sensitivity to habitat alteration, and/or recreational, commercial, or tribal importance.
profile, shaped profile (coal)	Shape of loaded coal in a rail car.
project area	The approximate 190-acre site for the proposed export terminal.
rail yard	Series of railroad tracks for storing, sorting, or loading/unloading, railroad cars and/or locomotives.
reclaimer	Machine that collects coal from the stockpile pads and begins the process of transferring coal to the docks for loading onto vessels.
Reynolds Lead	The approximate 5.1 mile-long railroad track between the Longview Switching Company yard and the Applicant's leased area.
riparian	Of, relating to, or situated on the bank of a river.
sedimentation	Process by which particles settle to the bottom of a water body.
seismicity	The occurrence or frequency of earthquakes in a region.
settlement ponds	Ponds using sedimentation to remove matter and turbidity from wastewater and used to control water pollution.
shallow water zone	The fully inundated near-shore zone extending from the edge of the active channel margin at 0 feet Columbia River Datum out to -20 feet Columbia River Datum.
sheet flow	A flow of water over the ground that is not confined to channels or streams.
short ton	2,000 pounds. Distinct from tonne (1,000 kilograms) and long ton (2,240 pounds).
siding	Section of railroad track connecting on both ends to the main line, usually used as a parking lane or passing lane.
smelting	The extraction of a metal from ore by a process involving heating and melting. Portions of the project area were previously used for aluminum smelting activities.
smolt	A young salmon first migrating from fresh water to the ocean.
spent potliner	A waste material generated by aluminum smelting.

spur	A short railway line branching off of a larger line.
stacker	Machine that deposits coal on the stockpile pads.
stockpile pads	Discrete areas designed for the storage of coal. Stockpile pads are used to stage coal unloaded from train, prior to loading onto vessels.
substrate	Mineral and organic material forming the bottom of a waterway or waterbody; also the base or substance upon which an organism is growing.
sump	A low place that collects runoff such as water or chemicals.
Superfund site	A polluted location undergoing a long-term clean-up response action for hazardous material contamination under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).
swale	A linear depression of land, similar to a shallow channel and usually moist or marshy.
switching (railroad)	A railroad operation within and near the limits of a rail yard; generally consists of breaking down and building up trains, storing and classifying rail cars, and serving industries within and near yard limits.
topper agent	Coating applied to the coal placed in a rail car after loading to reduce fugitive emissions.
track class	Railroad classification system for railroad tracks that identify maximum speeds, as defined by the Federal Railroad Administration.
traffic warrant control	Railroad control system where train crews obtain authority to occupy and move on a main track from the dispatcher usually by phone, radio, or electronic transmission to the locomotive.
train accident rate	Number of accidents per train mile. The Federal Railroad Administration accident reporting threshold was \$10,500 in 2016.
transfer tower	Tower capable of redirecting, transferring, or separating coal to different conveyors.
tribal resources	Tribal fishing and gathering practices and treaty rights, specifically, the collective rights and access to traditional areas associated with a tribe's sovereignty or formal treaty rights.
tsunami	A seismic sea wave.
turbidity	Relative haziness or cloudiness of a water body.
turning basin (vessel)	Wider areas along a channel that are the same depth as the channel, used to maneuver or turn vessels
unit train	A train in which all cars carry the same commodity and are shipped from the same origin to the same destination.
upland	Land or an area of land lying above the level where water flows or where flooding occurs.

vehicle peak hour	The hour of the day with the highest traffic volume.
viewshed	The geographical area visible from a particular location.
visual quality	Characteristic of the visual landscape as measured by vividness, intactness, and unity.
volatile organic compounds	Organic compounds that have a high vapor pressure at room temperature, which gives them a low boiling point. These compounds tend to exist as a gas at room temperature.
watershed	Area in which all rainfall, surface water, and groundwater drains to the same river, lake, or other waterbody.
wayside noise (railroad)	Combined effect of locomotive noise and rail car/wheel noise.
wetlands	Areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.
wick drain	A device for draining pore water from soft, compressible soils.