

# Novel Shoreline Cap for Controlling Sheen and Dissolved-phase Constituent Discharge



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# Agenda

1. Project Details and Tasks
2. Oleophilic Bio Barrier
3. NAPL Site Conceptual Model
4. Design Details
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# Project Tasks

- FFS/Remedy selection with both ODEQ and EPA
- Permitting through USACE, ODSL, ODEQ, NMFS, ODFW, SHPO, City of Portland
- Design: civil, geotechnical, flood rise hydraulic engineers, surveyors
- Procurement/Contracting
- Construction Management

# Linnton Bulk Fuel Terminal



- Intermittent sheens since 2004 due to upland fuel release
- 2011 – 216-foot-long, 30-foot-deep FRP sheetpile wall installed at top of bank
- Sheens greatly reduced, but persisted intermittently

# Project within Portland Harbor Superfund Site



- Located in Portland, Oregon, USA
- Approximately 9 miles of the Willamette River (RM 2 to 11)
- Kinder Morgan Linnton Bulk Terminal Facility at ~RM 4
- Record of Decision issued in January 2017
- Over 10,000 feet of river bank to be addressed within ROD



*Image from EPA ROD, Figure 1, January 2018*



# Bank pictures in sheen area prior to capping



Low River Stage

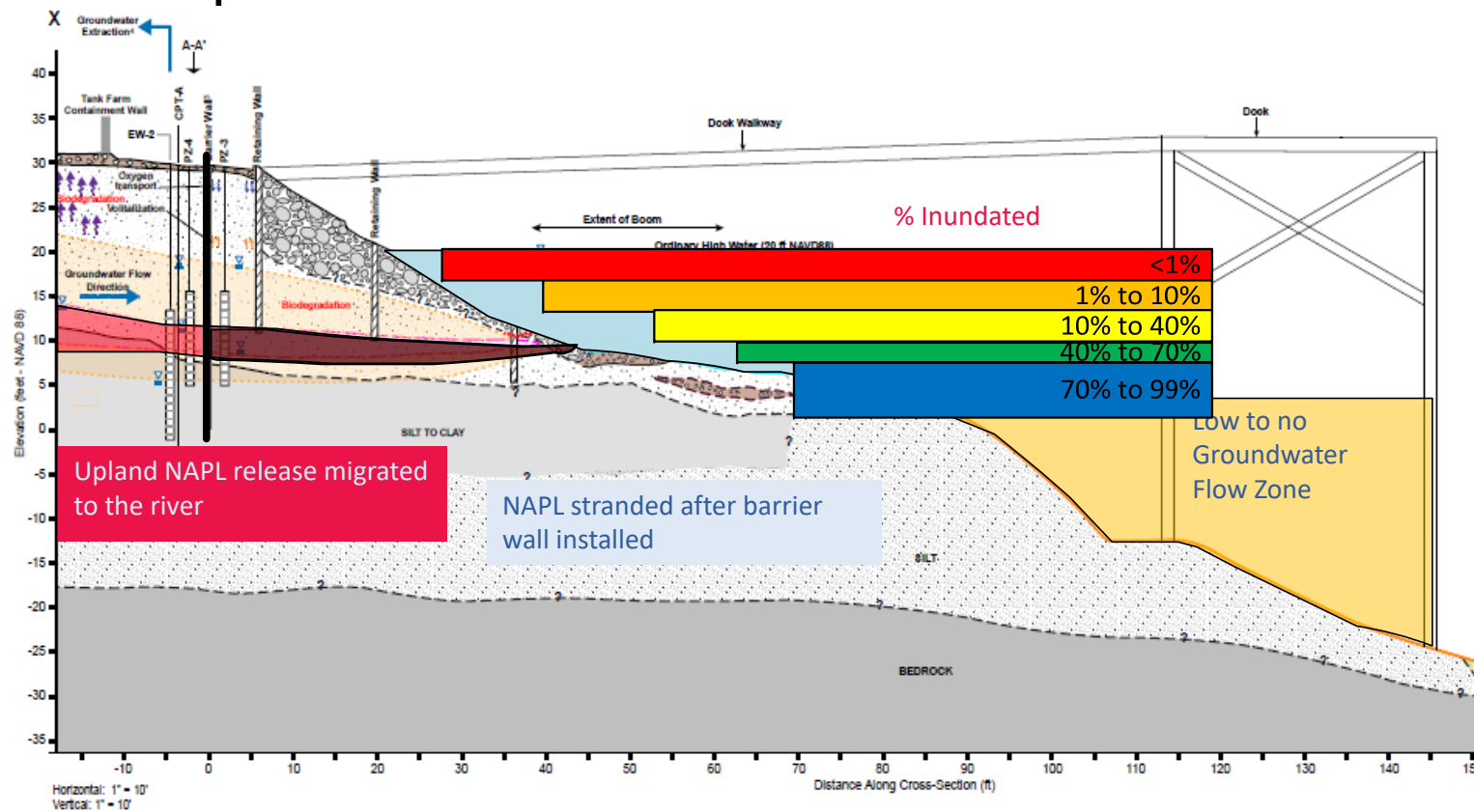


High River Stage



15-foot seasonal river  
elevation changes

# Conceptual Site Model - NAPL



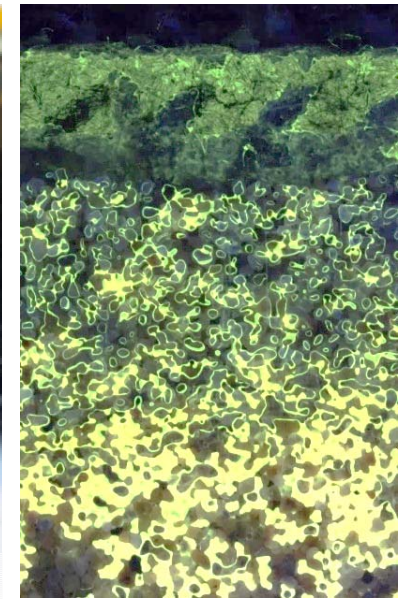
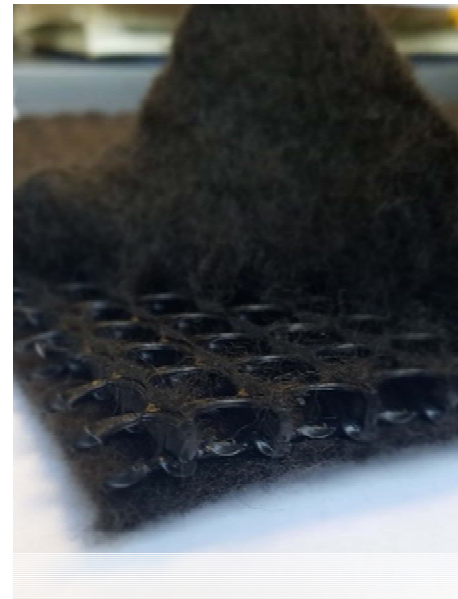
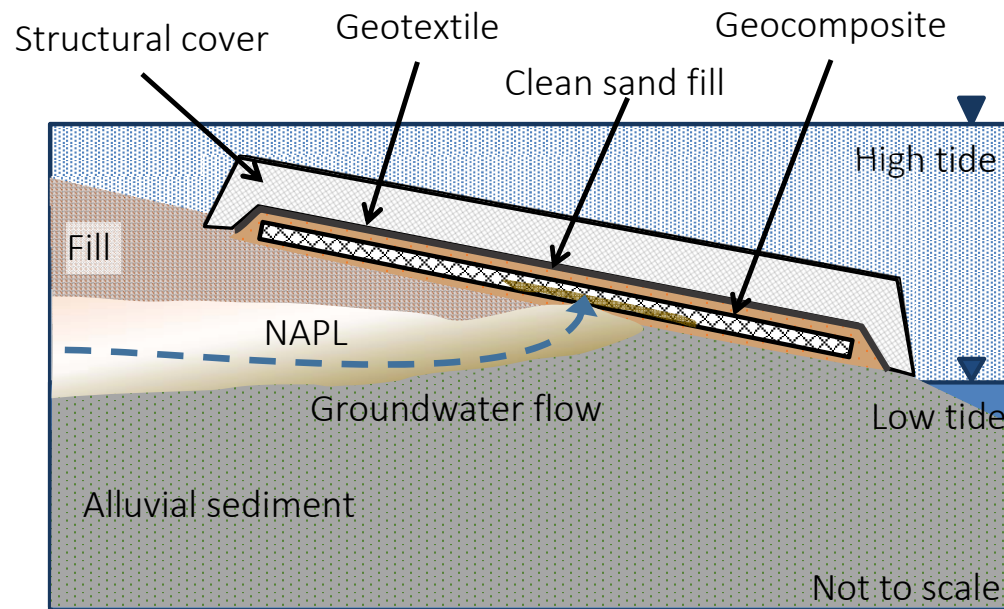
# Challenges with Sheens

- Sheens form at Groundwater/Surface water Interfaces (GSIs) due to seeps, ebullition, and erosion/scour
- Challenges include permitting and access
- Current remedies have limitations
- Oleophilic bio barrier (OBB) designed to be a low-cost, sustainable sheen solution
- OBB is a reactive material where NAPL is trapped and allowed to biodegrade





# OBB Utilizes Multiple Layers

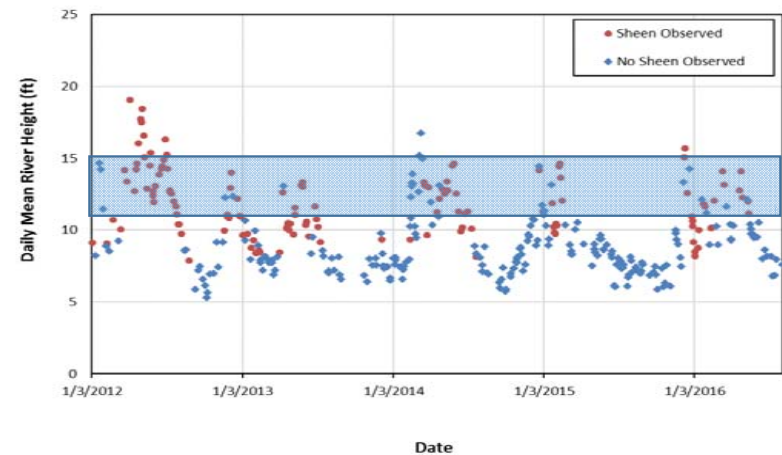


- Colorado State University Research Foundation and others have a patent on the biobarrier technology
- Jacobs has an agreement with CSU to implement the OBB technology
- A royalty fee of \$5,000 is required under Jacobs' agreement for each full-scale project

# Oleophilic Bio Barrier Design



- Sheen area and intensity monitored weekly for years
- Sheen volume estimated at 1 to 15 mL each event
  - ✓ Capacity >5,000 sheen events without exceeding capacity
- Sheen discharge primarily occurs between an elevation of 10 to 13 feet
  - ✓ Overlaps in OBB panels designed to allow multiple layers between 10 to 13 feet





# Summary of ROD Cap Design Requirements

- NAPL
  - Use oleophilic clay or other reactive materials
- Groundwater Discharge
  - Meet pore water CULs
  - Use carbon or other adsorbents
- Armor
  - Use habitat friendly beach mix...but only if it will not erode
- Habitat
  - Compensatory mitigation required for beach habitat loss
- Slope
  - 5:1 slope preferred but not constructible at this site
- Flood Rise
  - No net fill
  - No net rise



# Cap Design – Groundwater Discharge

**Cap design will require the use of activated carbon, other reactive material, and/or low permeability materials, as necessary**

- Cleanup levels are presented in the ROD
- Groundwater discharge flux and pore water concentration data were available for site COCs (PAHs, BTEX, C10-C12 hydrocarbon range)
- Conservative assumptions to design the active cap layer using CapSim
- A 6-inch layer of a carbon/gravel mixture with 20% activated carbon can treat discharge for 100 years

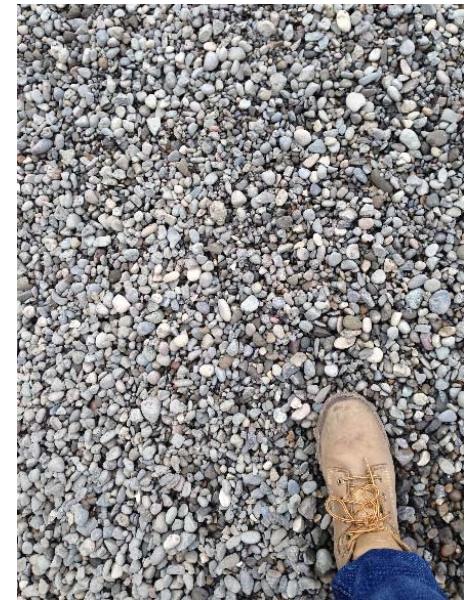




# Cap Design – Armor

**Caps will be constructed with sufficient armor to prevent erosion.**  
**Engineered beach mix layer consisting of rounded gravel typically 2.5 inches or less to be applied to the uppermost layer of all caps.**

- ROD prefers “habitat friendly” cap surfaces; however, these surfaces can be erodible
- Reduction in habitat from addition of riprap requires mitigation
- Marine Mattresses deployed in areas of existing beach to prevent habitat degradation, reduce total fill, and allow for beach mix cover



# Cap Design – Flood Rise and Navigation

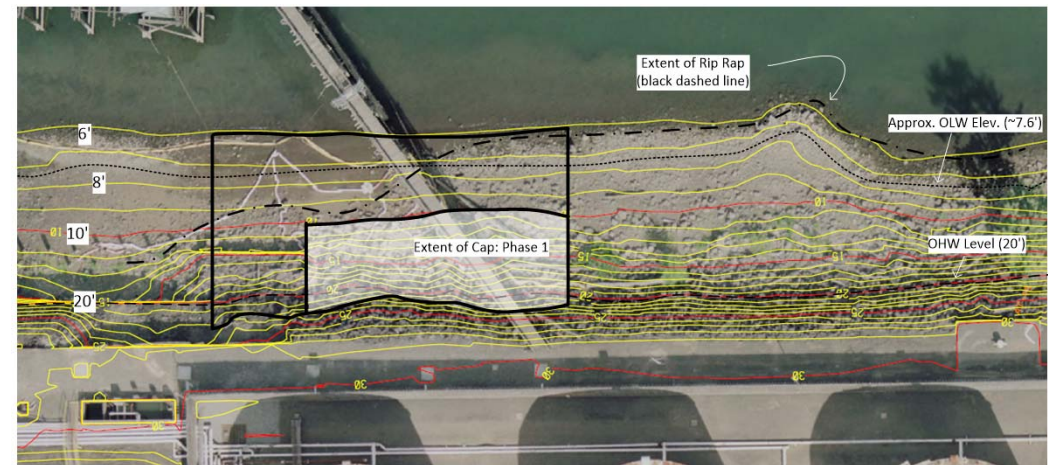
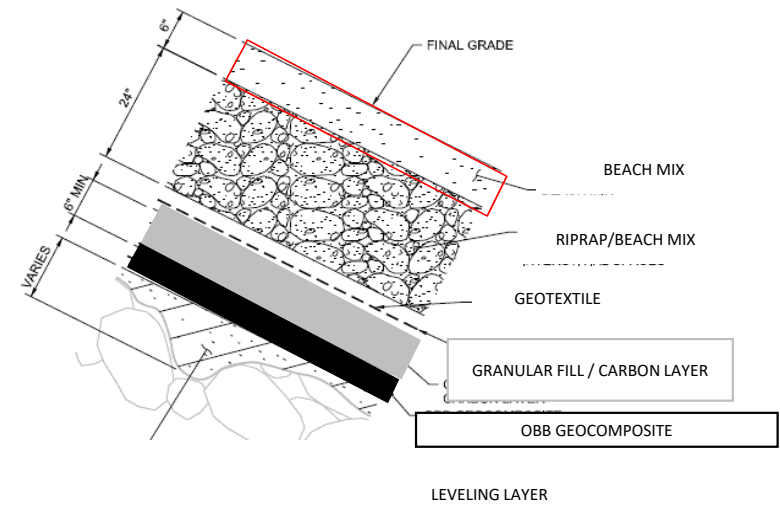
**Caps will be designed to avoid adverse impacts to the floodway**

- City of Portland administers FEMA regulations:
  - No net fill
  - No net rise of flood waters (<0.004 ft)
- Surplus fill mitigated by removal of material downstream of cap area
- No rise analysis performed that showed no net rise



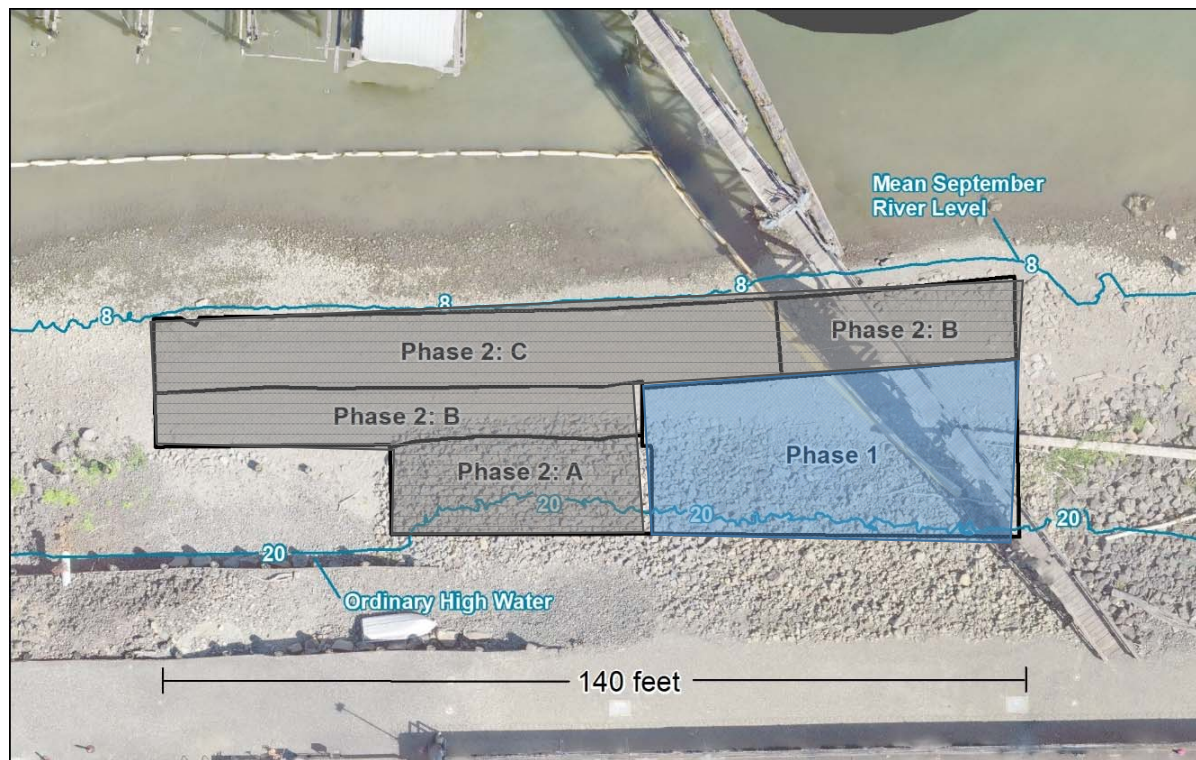
# Cap Design Summary

- The significantly augmented cap contains the following layers:
  - Leveling layer
  - Geogrid (Phase 1 only)
  - Oleophilic bio barrier layer
  - Granular activated carbon gravel mix
  - Geotextile separation layer
  - Armor layer
- Overall thickness, 3-foot allowance





# Cap Constructed in Two Phases



- Phase 1 constructed in Fall 2017
  - All work above fall river stage to 10 foot elevation
- Phase 2 constructed in Fall 2018
  - In-water work allowed by permit



# Phase 1 Construction

Removing  
existing riprap.  
Note very tight  
working area.



## Phase 1 Construction – Geogrid

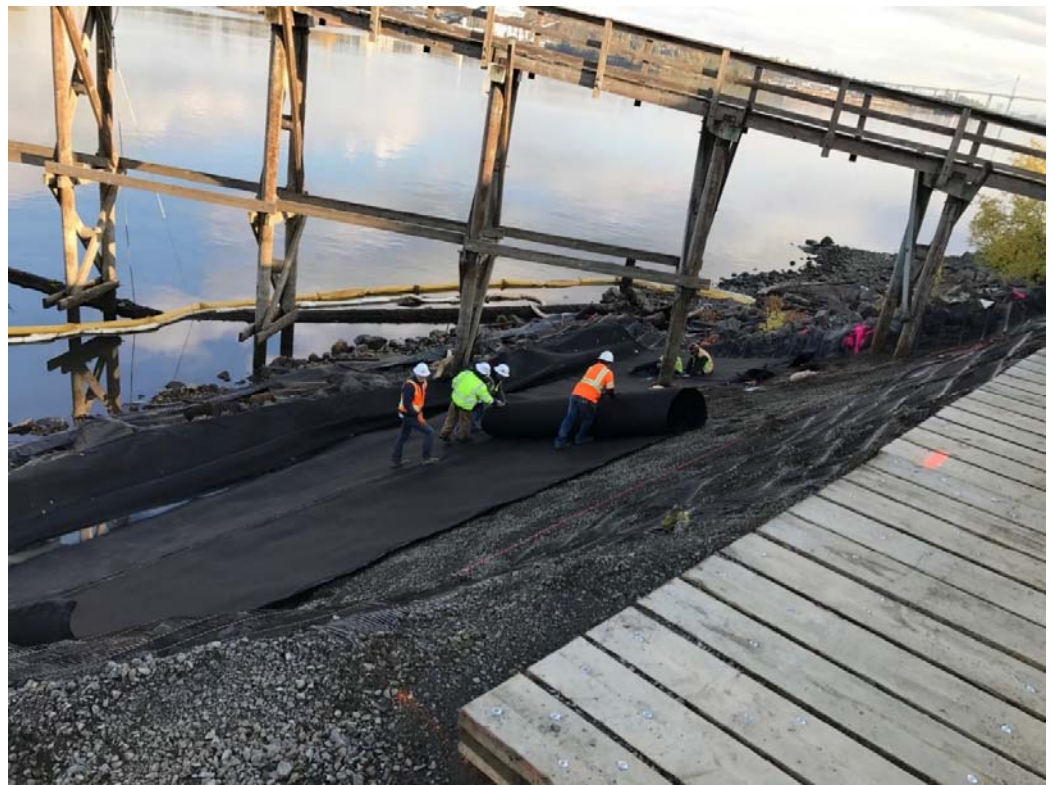


Install geogrid in anchor trench.



# Phase 1 Construction – OBB Installation

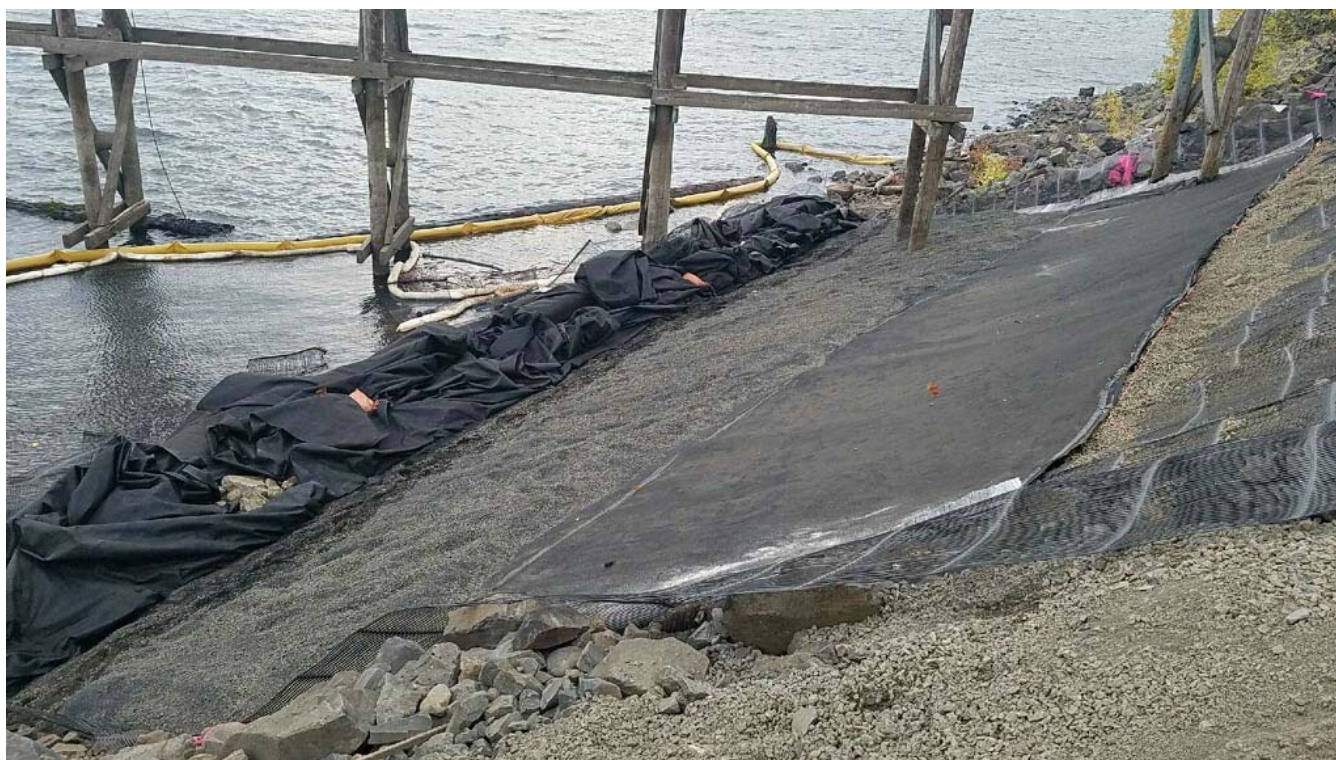
Install Oleophilic Bio Barrier on top of levelling layer, with overlaps.



# Phase 1 Construction

Cap sequence:

- Geogrid
- Leveling layer
- OBB
- Carbon/gravel mix
- Geotextile and armoring (not shown)





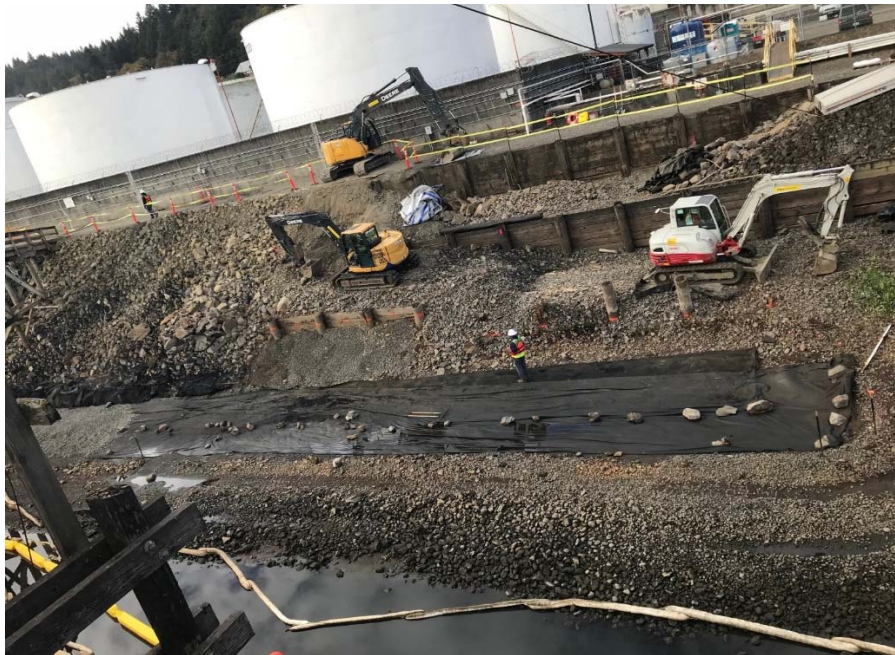
## Construction - Phase 2



2-foot excavation along toe of slope – Needed for Cut/Fill Balance



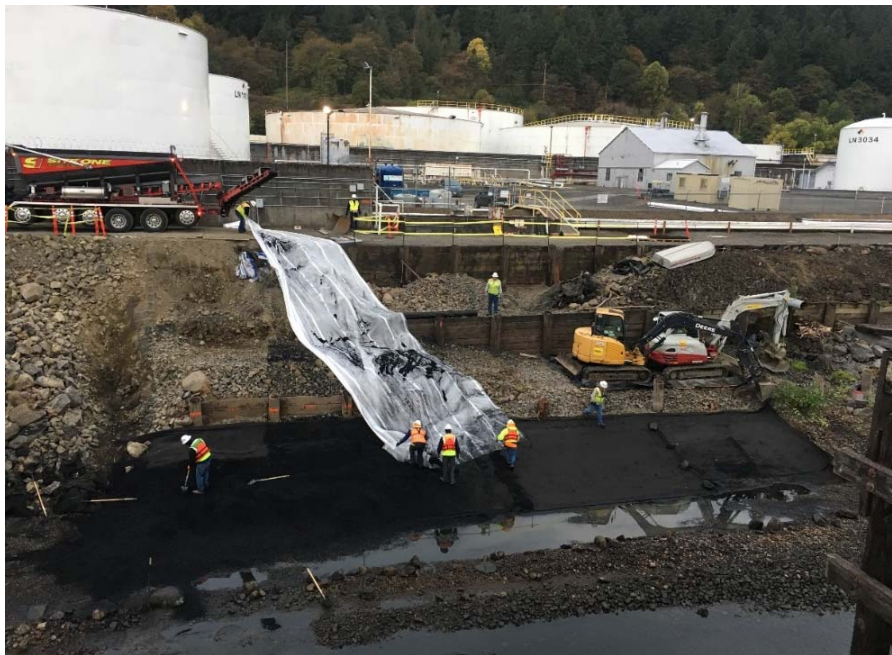
## Construction - Phase 2



OBB installed – Low and high tides on the same day



## Construction - Phase 2



6-inch carbon layer on top of OBB, conveyor truck able to shoot granular materials from top of bank



Geotextile and 1-inch minus gravel on top of carbon/OBB

## Construction - Phase 2



- Maccaferri Polymeric Marine Mattress armoring for lower bank
- Provided lower profile, less total fill; increased habitat footprint



# Completed Cap

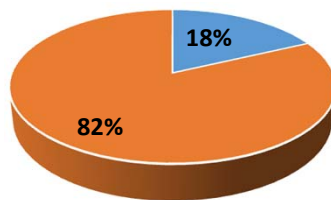


Completed cap

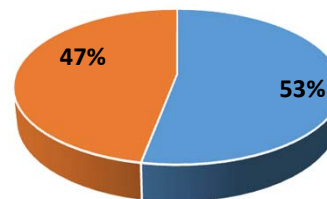
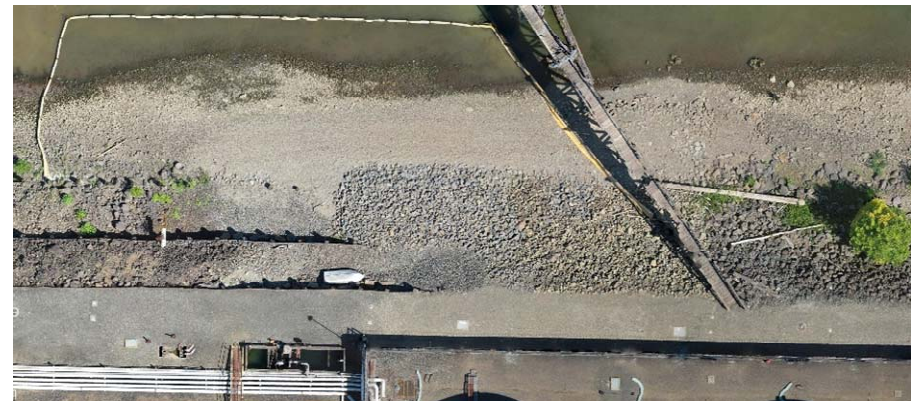


Fish-friendly beach mix: 2.5-inch minus rounded gravel, no fines

# Habitat Before and After



■ Suitable Beach Habitat  
■ Unsuitable Beach Habitat



■ Suitable Beach Habitat  
■ Unsuitable Beach Habitat

2,100 square feet  
of new beach  
habitat was  
created



# Summary and Observations

## For the site:

- Oleophilic Bio Barrier has been effective for sheen control since November 2017
  - ✓ No sheen has been observed
- OBB was the most geotechnically stable design

## For the technology:

- Preferred technology for sheen control on banks that are intermittently wetted?
  - ✓ More long-term performance data are needed





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