

# Interlocal Agreement and Easements between Pierce County and the Port of Tacoma:

## Clear Creek Flood Gate Retrofit and Habitat Restoration Projects

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# 1. ILA – Port and Pierce County Requested Action



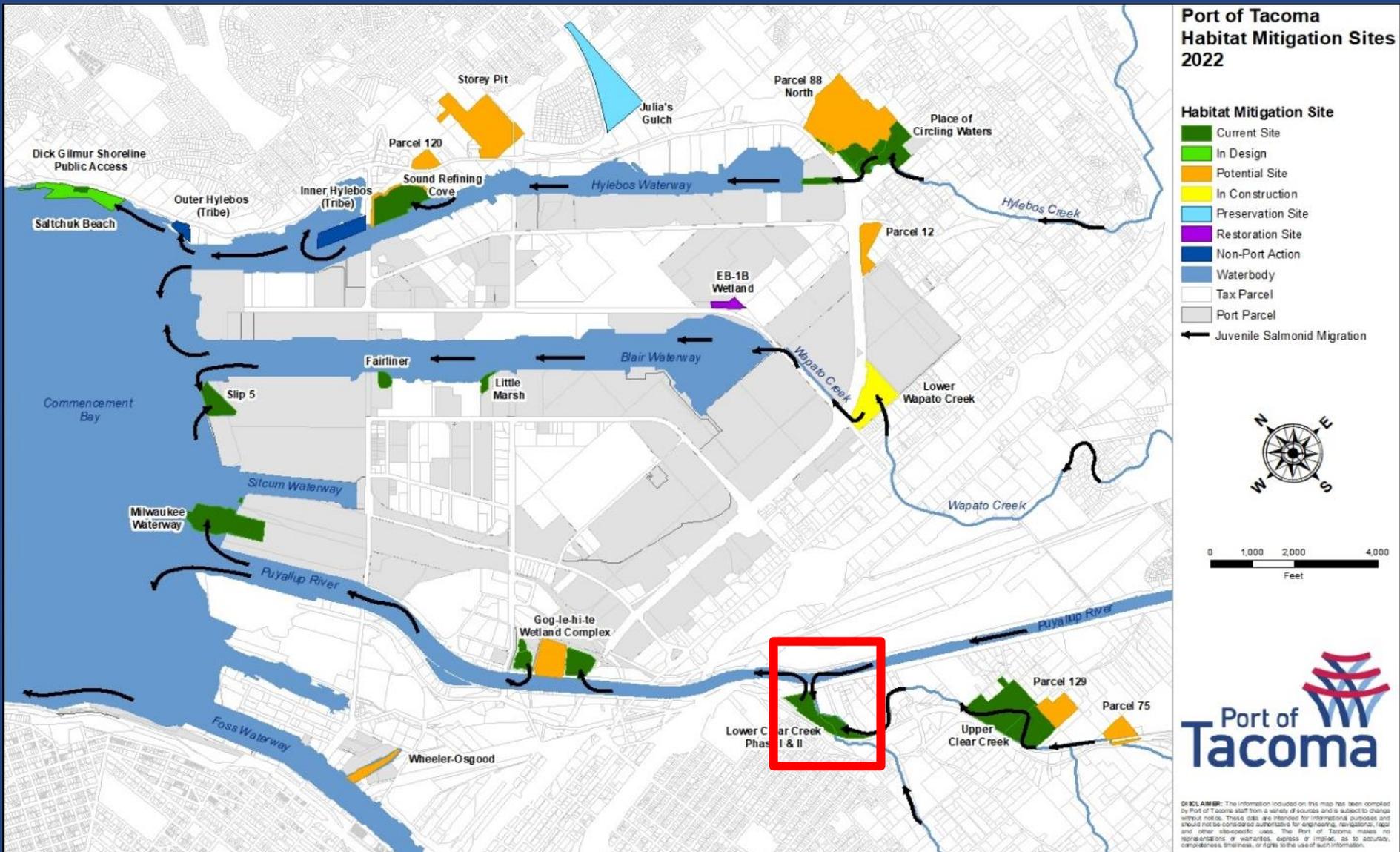
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## 2. Easement to Pierce County for Parcel 67 Requested Action (cont.)



(2) Request authorization for the Executive Director or his designee to convey a temporary access easement and a permanent access easement to Pierce County on Port Parcel 67, the Lower Clear Creek Habitat Mitigation Site, necessary to implement the ILA.

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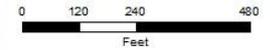
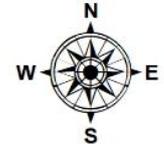
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## Port of Tacoma Lower Clear Creek Phase I and II

### Legend

- Clear Creek Phase I
- Clear Creek Phase II
- Clear Creek Culvert
- Waterbody
- Port Parcel



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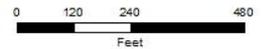
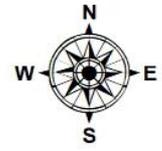


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## Port of Tacoma Lower Clear Creek Phase I and II Pierce Co. Project

### Legend

- Clear Creek Phase I
- Clear Creek Phase II
- Pierce Co. Project Limits
- Clear Creek Box Culvert
- Belly Cut Bottoms
- Waterbody
- Port Parcel



# Scope of the ILA with Pierce County



Port/County partnership consistent with EL-4, A-2  
of the Strategic Plan

Scope of ILA includes:

- County constructs Clear Creek Flood Gate Retrofit Project and Clear Creek Habitat Restoration Project.
- Port conveys temporary and permanent easements to County.
- County takes over ownership, operations, and maintenance of the new integrated flood gate system and the upstream debris barrier.
- Port transfers an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to County for equipment deficiencies.

# Scope of the ILA with Pierce County (cont.)



## Scope (cont.):

- County operates and maintains new integrated flood gate system consistent with the consent decree with EPA (No. C93-5462 RJB).
- County and Port collectively monitor project elements for the initial 5-year period.
- County responsible for monitoring and maintaining habitat project area for 5 years.
- Port incorporates habitat project into its long-term stewardship program after the 5-year period.

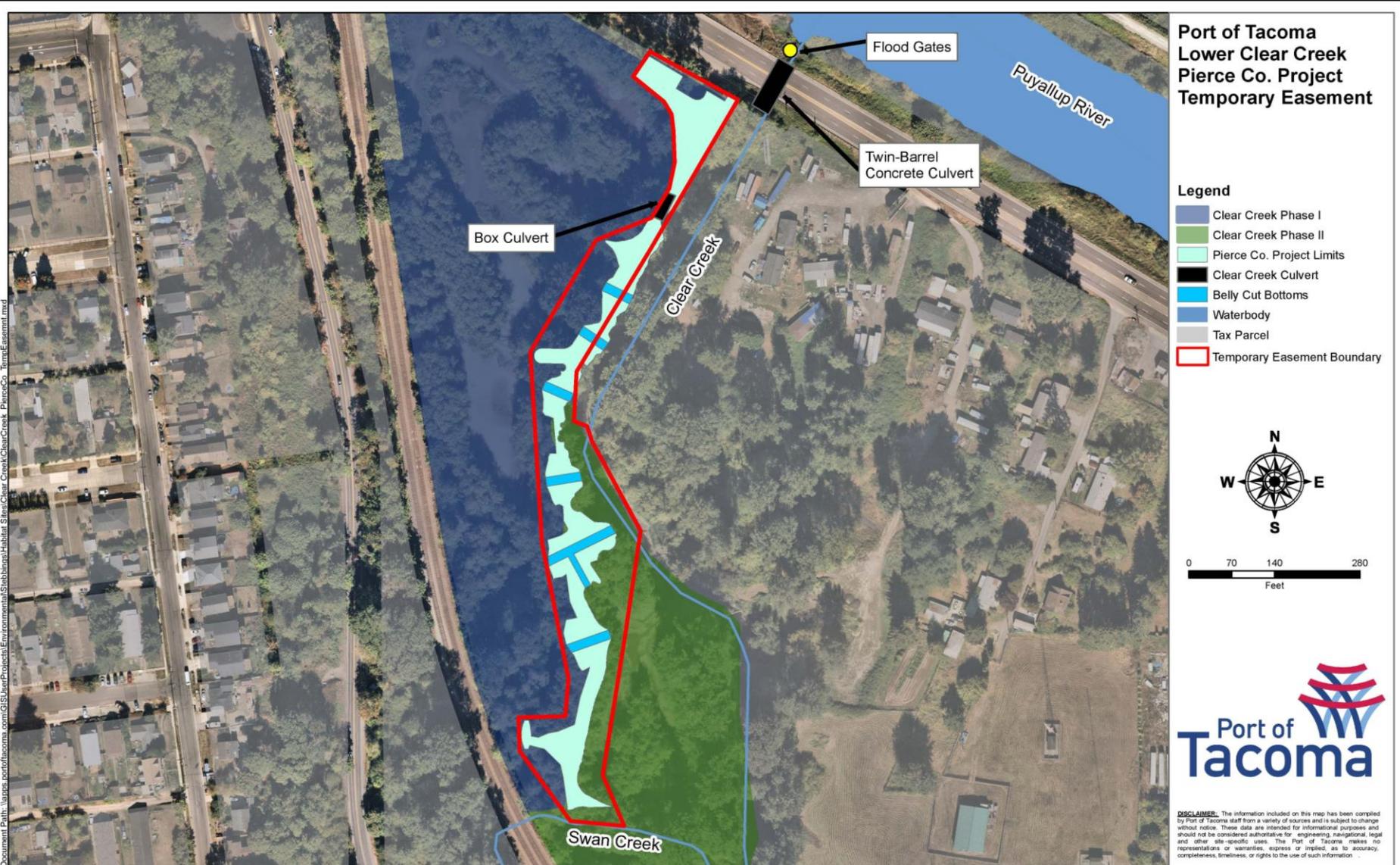
# Scope of the Easements with Pierce County



Scope of the temporary and permanent easements include the following:

- Port conveys access to County to construct and monitor the restoration project for a period of five (5) years.
- Port conveys access to County to maintain the upstream debris barrier in perpetuity or until such time the upstream debris barrier is no longer needed.

# Scope of Temporary Easement with Pierce County



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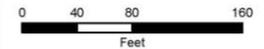
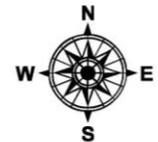
# Scope of Permanent Easement with Pierce County



Port of Tacoma  
Lower Clear Creek  
Pierce Co. Project  
Permanent Easement

### Legend

- Clear Creek Phase I
- Clear Creek Phase II
- Clear Creek Culvert
- Waterbody
- Tax Parcel
- Permanent Easement Boundary



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# Duration of ILA with Pierce County



The ILA is effective upon the last day of execution of both parties and will continue through the completion of the project construction, the monitoring period, and the transfer of property (equipment).

The maintenance, operation, and monitoring obligations are continuing obligations and survive expiration of the Agreement.

# Duration of Easements with Pierce County



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The permanent easement is effective upon the last day of execution of both parties and will continue in perpetuity or until such time the upstream debris barrier is no longer needed, whichever comes first.

# Financial Summary ILA with Pierce County



Source: Funding for the ILA would come from the non-operating budget, as an unallocated expense.

ITEM	BUDGET ESTIMATE	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	ANTICIPATED FUTURE EXPENDITURES
Pierce County ILA	\$0	\$0	\$25,000

# Economic Impacts ILA with Pierce County



This ILA will:

- Significantly reduce flood risk in Clear Creek floodplain,
- Eliminate Port's spill response liability associated with generator and fuel tank's proximity to Puyallup River, and
- Create temporary construction jobs.

# Environmental Impacts/Review ILA with Pierce County



Permitting: County responsibility. Port provides assistance, if necessary.

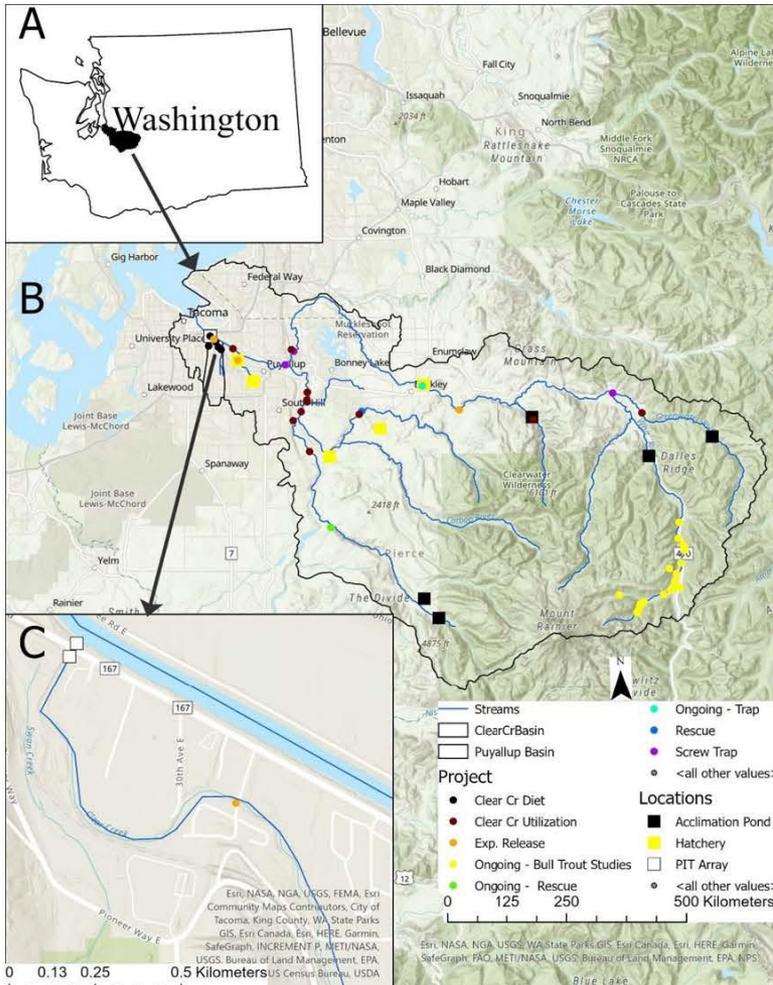
Remediation: No impacts.

Stormwater:

- County responsible for Construction Stormwater General Permit
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification, if applicable.

Air Quality: No impacts.

# Salmonid Utilization of Clear Creek



## 2022 Floodplain Fish Sampling and Utilization Studies

Table 3 (from R. Peters IP). Summary of the number of PIT tagged fish detected on the Clear Creek arrays from July 2020 and June 15, 2021. One additional tag was detected from an adult Chinook salmon PIT tagged off the west coast of Vancouver Island by Canadian DFO (Cameron Freshwater, personal communication).

Location	Chinook	Coho	Cutthroat	<i>O. Mykiss</i>	Bull Trout	Trout	Total
31 <sup>st</sup> (Exp. Release)	84	0	0	0	0	0	84
Buckley	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Culvert (Exp. Release)	101	0	0	0	0	0	101
Dagobah	0	4	1	0	0	0	5
Diru	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Fennel DS	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Fennel US	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Fryingpan	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Gay Road	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
LCC	18	9	2	2	1	0	32
Mainstem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
S. Prairie Preserve	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SmoltTrap_PR	0	7	0	5	0	1	13
SmoltTrap_WR	0	2	0	0	5	0	7
Squally	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Tribe	3	12	0	0	0	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>284</b>

From R. Peters in progress

# ESA-Listed Salmonid Species Found in Clear Creek



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