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## Corps takes next step toward improving Snake River navigation conditions

**Portland, Ore.** – On June 17, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers took a step toward improving navigation conditions in the lower Snake River by signing a proposal for 2004-2005 Winter Maintenance Dredging. The next step will be for the Corps to submit its decision documents to the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, in Seattle.

“The Corps is committed to care for the survival of the protected species, serve the congressionally authorized purposes of the navigation system and provide predictability of water resources,” said Brig. Gen. William T. Grisoli, Northwestern Division commander.

The Corps recognized and addressed environmental concerns associated with sediment removal. A biological opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service concluded that the one-year dredging action would not jeopardize species listed under the Endangered Species Act or destroy or adversely modify their critical habitat.

Visit the District’s website at [http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/maintenance\\_dredging/](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/maintenance_dredging/) for more information about the District’s planned dredging activities, including the reports, decisions and supporting documentation.

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