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# New wood waste procedures for the Canadian disposal at sea program

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# Wood Waste in Dredged Material

- Wood waste accumulates in water lots at forestry facilities
- Maintenance dredging necessary to continue operations



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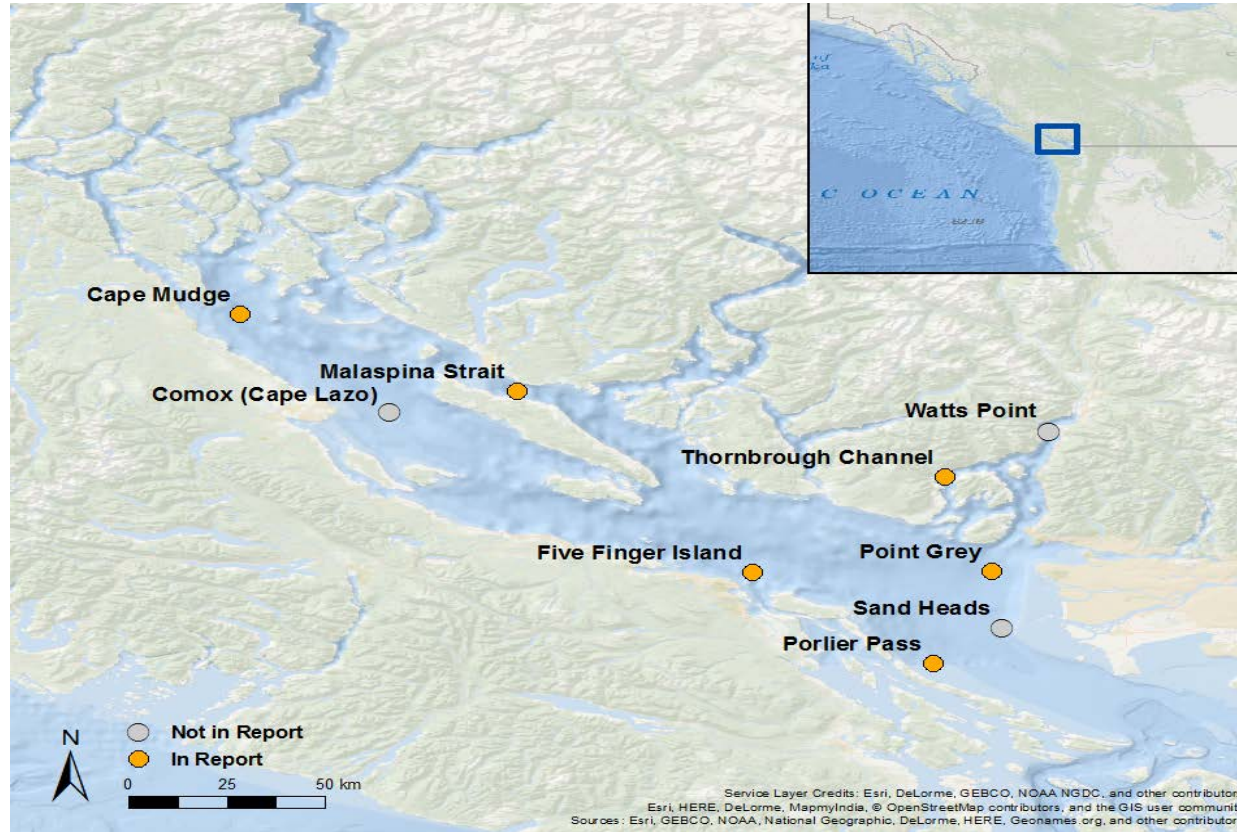
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# Disposal at Sea in Canada

- Disposal at Sea Permits for dredged material under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)
  - Characterize Material
  - Waste Audit
  - Alternatives Assessments
- Monitoring disposal sites
  - Sediment quality
  - Benthic infauna



# Wood Waste at Disposal at Sea Sites



# Study: *Assessment of Alternatives to Disposing of Wood Waste at Sea in the Pacific and Yukon Region*

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1. Environmental effects of wood waste
2. Management practices for reducing dredged wood waste
3. Alternatives for wood waste disposal



# Study Findings: Wood Waste Effects at Disposal at Sea sites



Station DIR7 at Porlier Pass (Sept. 2016)

***no gross adverse impacts resulting from disposal of wood waste***

## Finding based on:

- Sediment chemistry
- Toxicity tests
- ROV photos and video
- Sediment Profile Imaging
- Benthic grab sampling

# Recommendations for Monitoring

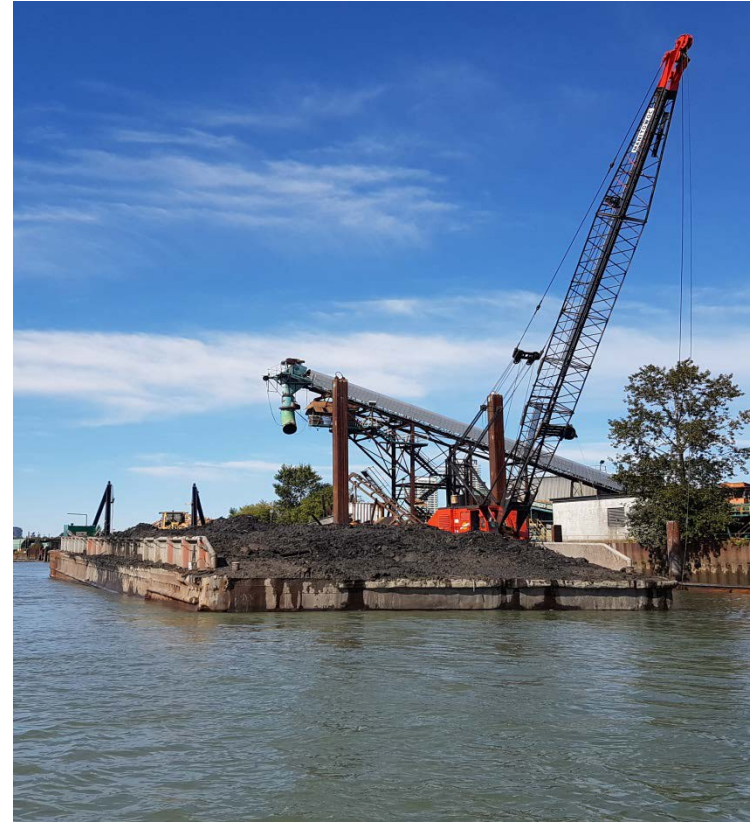
- Measuring quantity of wood waste
- Choosing monitoring tools
  - Sediment Profile Imaging (SPI) as primary tool
  - Quantitative measures
- If SPI shows adverse effects:
  - Follow up with detailed sampling & formal ecological risk assessment
- Holistically reporting results





# Study Findings: Wood Waste Permitting

- Limited estimates of how much wood waste
- Low level of detail in waste audits and alternative assessments
- Waste reduction = cost reduction
- Perception that alternatives are unfeasible or unavailable



# Permitting Procedures - Characterization

- Information for Dredged Material Characterization
  - Sampling & analysis
  - Estimating % wood waste
- Quantify amount of wood waste in permit application
  - Verify during dredging



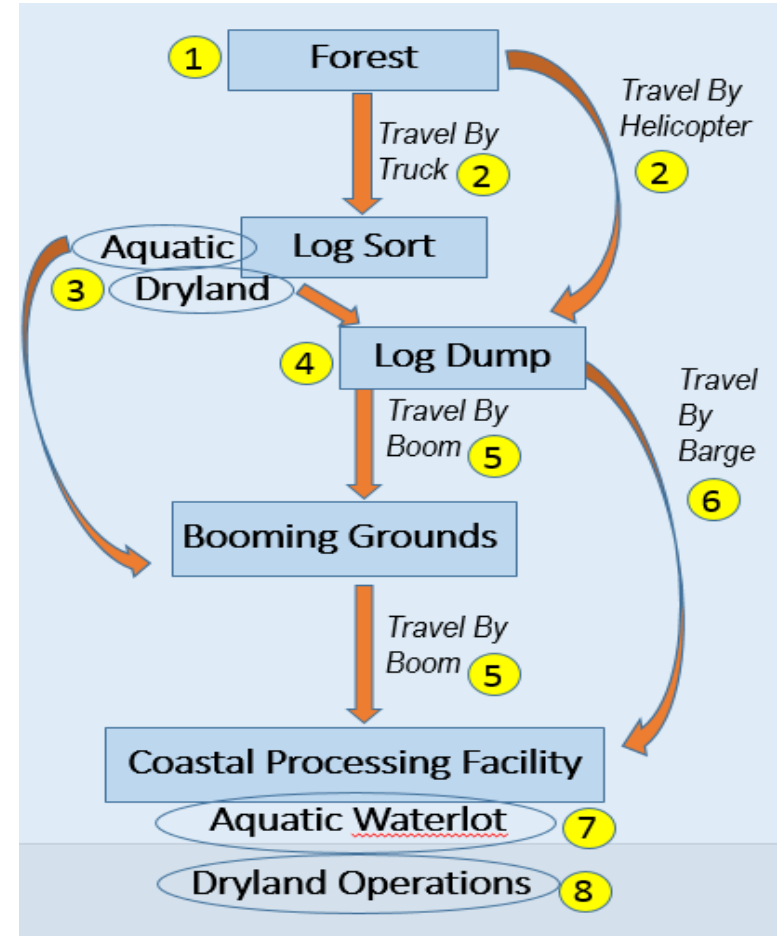
# Permitting Procedures - BMPs

## Best Management Practices:

- Debarking
- Log bundling
- Log loading techniques
- Log booming
- Upland containment
- Barges for log transport

## Recommendations:

- Require BMPs in permit application
- Visit sites to confirm application BMPs



# Wood Waste in Disposal at Sea

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- Implementing new procedures
- Improving characterization of wood waste and impacts
- Requiring detailed information on best management practices for waste reduction and alternative measures



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