

## Readers Guide

### How to Use this Document

The United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy’s (Navy) goal is to provide a document that presents a thorough, accurate analysis of the current environment, the Proposed Action, and the potential environmental impacts of reasonable alternatives to undertake the Proposed Action. The organization of this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Bremerton Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements is described below.

### Document Organization

#### **Executive Summary**

This section is a brief description of the findings of the entire EIS for ease of use. The Executive Summary includes a table from Chapter 3 that summarizes potential impacts to environmental resources by alternative.

#### **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

This section defines acronyms and abbreviations used in the EIS.

#### **Chapter 1. Purpose of and Need for the Proposed Action**

This section introduces the project, provides background context, and describes the project location, purpose and need, applicable documents and relevant laws and regulations, and public and agency participation.

#### **Chapter 2. Proposed Action and Alternatives**

This chapter describes the Proposed Action, the alternatives screening process, and the alternatives considered for this EIS, which include:

- **Alternative 1:** No-Action Alternative
- **Alternative 2:** Multi-Mission Dry Dock (M2D2) at Dry Dock (DD) 3 (Preferred Alternative)
- **Alternative 3:** M2D2 at Mooring A

Table 2-2 summarizes demolition and construction actions associated with the no-action alternative and the two action alternatives.

### **Chapter 3. Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences**

Chapter 3 examines the area that may be impacted by the alternatives under consideration, known as the *affected environment*, and then describes *environmental consequences* (impacts) associated with implementing the no-action and action alternatives. This section, beginning with an approach to analysis described in Section 3.1, examines the following resources: air quality, water resources, geological resources, biological resources, cultural resources, American Indian traditional resources, land use and recreation, visual resources, noise, utilities and infrastructure, transportation, marine navigation, public health and safety, hazardous materials and wastes, and socioeconomics.

These sections provide the baseline for evaluating the effects of the Proposed Action, including reasonably foreseeable future actions (RFFAs), and describes potential environmental impacts as a result of the alternatives.

Section 3.17 provides a summary table of potential impacts to environmental resources by alternative.

### **Chapter 4. Other Considerations Required by NEPA**

This chapter explains how the EIS is consistent with other federal and state laws, plans, policies, and regulations. The chapter also describes any resources that are irreversibly or irretrievably committed to a project, lists any unavoidable adverse impacts, and presents the relationship between short-term use of the environment and long-term productivity.

### **Chapter 5. List of Preparers**

This chapter provides a list of individuals involved in preparation of this EIS.

### **Chapter 6. Distribution List**

This chapter lists the Federal, State, and Local agencies and organizations notified of the Draft EIS. Chapter 6 does not list private individuals who are also notified of the EIS availability.

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