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QIN Shoreline Master Plan Project Phase 1

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OVERVIEW OF QIN SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

CURRENT WORK

Phase 1: Shoreline Inventory, Analysis, and Characterization Report

NEXT YEAR

Phase 2: Write Shoreline Master Program:

- Shoreline Designations
- Policies and Regulations
- Administrative Procedures



BENEFITS OF A SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

Provides a science- and policy-based context for assessing impacts of land management decisions on critical infrastructure, natural systems (forest and fish) and tribal commerce



What is a Shoreline?

 The edge of a large water body – marine (saltwater) or riverine (freshwater) ecosystems

Why are Shorelines important?

- Support tribal commerce and cultural dependence on salmon fishery
- Protect important Quinault cultural resources
- Support broad land and waterdependent ecosystems



* D-Rivers inside the QIR include the Queets River, Salmon River, Raft River, North Fork Raft River, Quinault River, Wreck Creek and Moclips River.

PHASE I PROJECT TASKS

- Review Existing Code, previous SMP, QIN GIS Databases, Reports, and other SMPs
- 2. Define Shoreline Analysis Areas (SSAs) and Reaches Along Coast and D-Rivers*
- 3. Map and Describe Conditions within each Reach in the Shoreline Analysis Areas (SSAs)
- 4. Map and Model 100-year Floodplain on D-Rivers
- 5. Map and Model Perimeter of Lake Quinault
- 6. Write Shoreline Characterization Report Describing Natural Conditions and At-Risk Infrastructure within each Reach in the Shoreline Analysis Ares (SAAs)

PRIMARY RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

Quinault Indian Nation



Title 61
Natural Resource Management

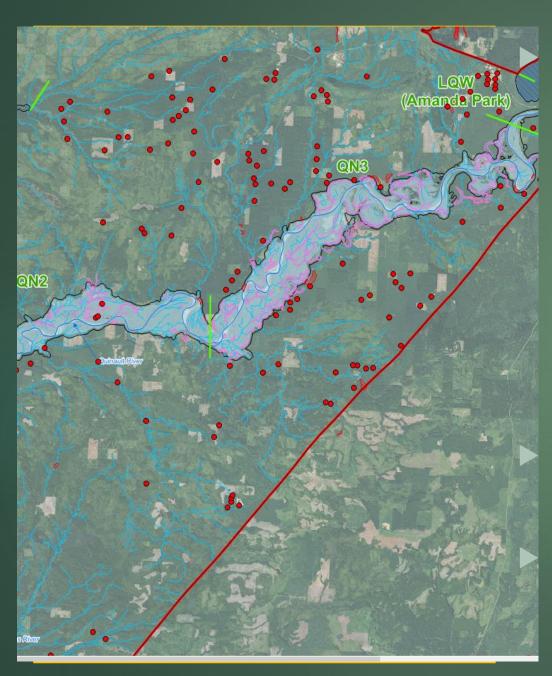
Title 45: QIN "Shoreline Management Code of 1993"

<u>Title 48</u>: QIN Land Use and Development Code (adopted 1975; most recently amended 2013)

<u>Title 52</u>: Beach Lands Regulations (adopted 2008) Documents QIN ownership of Beach Lands for "fishing, the taking of shellfish, the taking of driftwood and other purposes…" and protecting "marine life, [and] cleanliness of water or air…"

<u>Title 61</u>: Natural Resource Management (adopted 2008, currently being updated) – Regulates "Reservation Resources", defined as "land, water, trees and other vegetation, fish and wildlife, and capital improvement"

OTHER RESOURCE DOCUMENTS, DATABASES and MODELING WORK



QIN GIS mapping database (limited list):

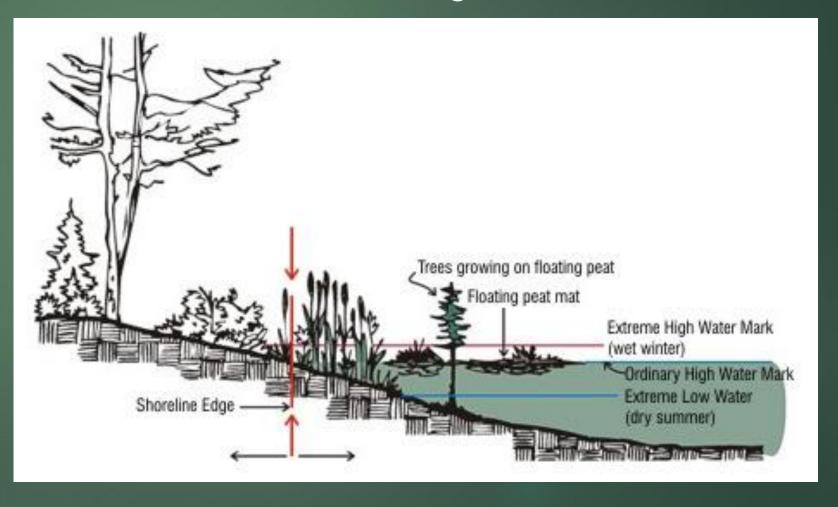
- ▶ LiDAR topography
- ▶ Quinault Soil Survey (2007)
- Rivers, Streams, Wetlands and Forest Stands
- ▶ Roads and Gravel Pits
- ► FEMA 100 year floodplain panels
- ▶ Zoning and Allotments

Floodplain and Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) Modeling

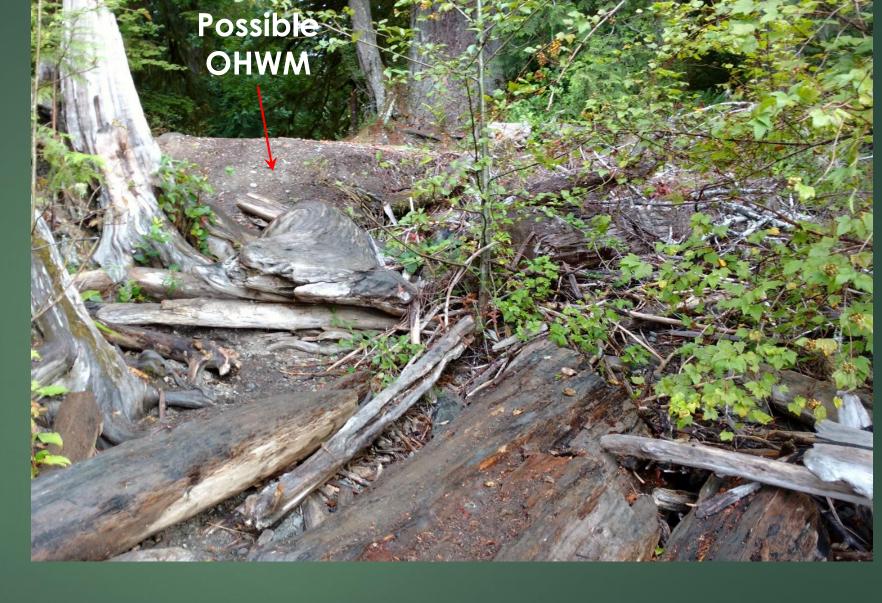
Kamiak Ridge Coastal Reach Assessment photos: Maps and Aerial Photos of 14 Coastal Reaches

- ► OHWM = "a biological vegetation mark" OR "A mark on a shoreline" that indicates regular presence and action of water under ordinary conditions; is often the edge of a scour line or a vegetation line.
- ▶ One can define a default tidal or fresh water elevation line for locations where the OHWM is hard to determine from examining the shore.

Definition of OHWM Concept: OHWM is where the Lake's water surface persists in most winters.



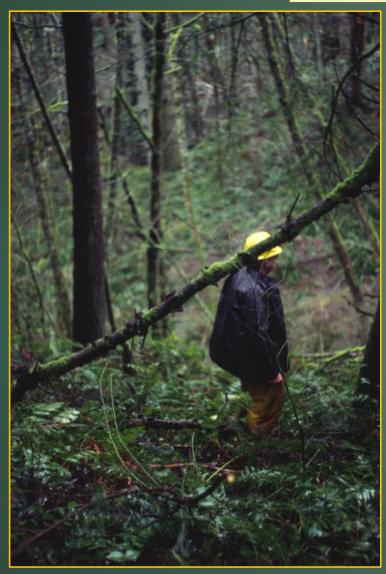




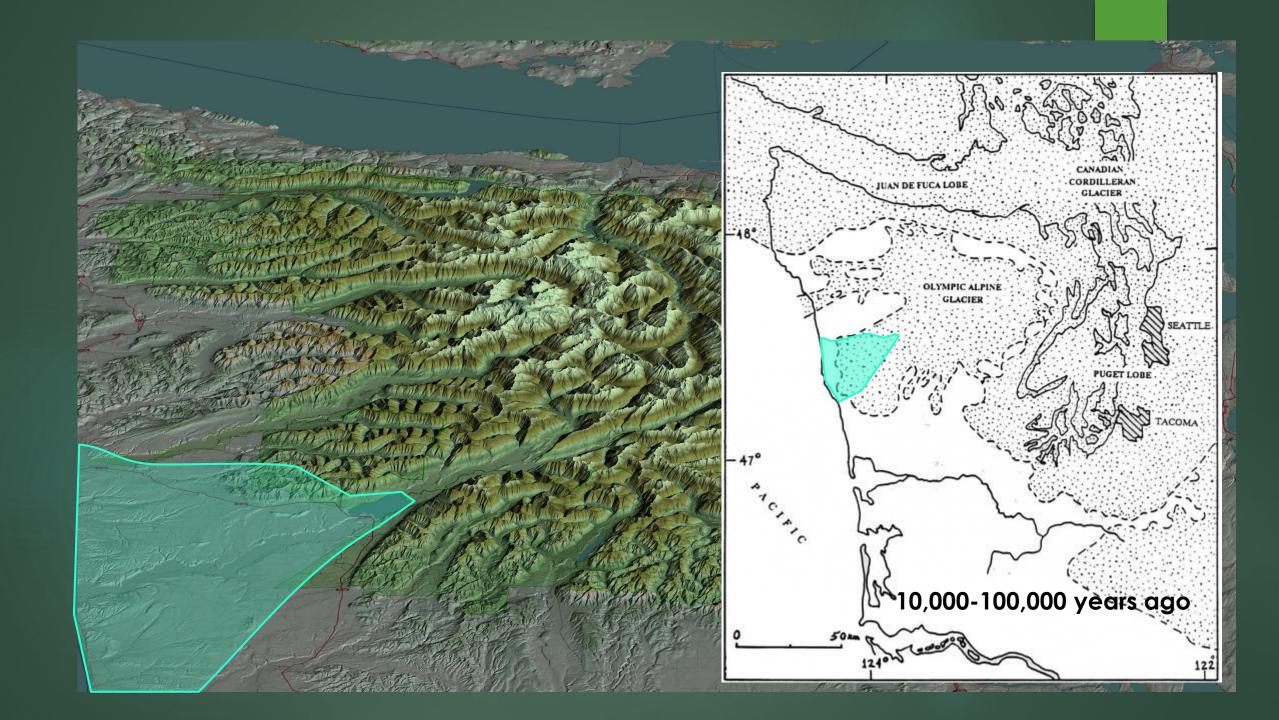
Looking for Evidence of OHWM

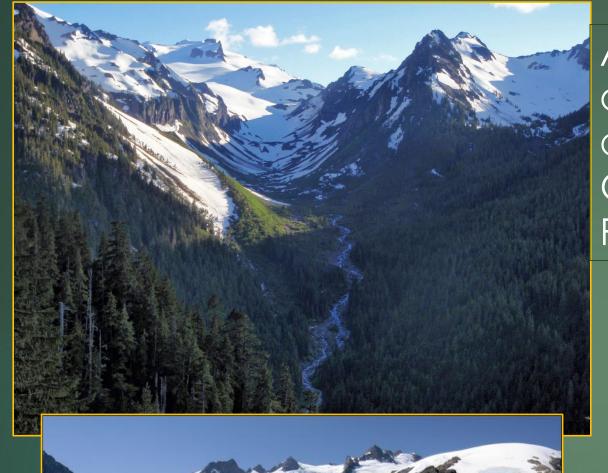


What Creates Natural Systems Unique to the Quinault Reservation



- 1. Soils and Geology
 - Acted upon by
- 2. CLIMATE (which is changing)
 And
- 3. <u>Living organisms (plants and animals)</u>
 Over
- 4. <u>TIME</u> Which creates
- 5. LANDSCAPES AND ECOSYSTEMS





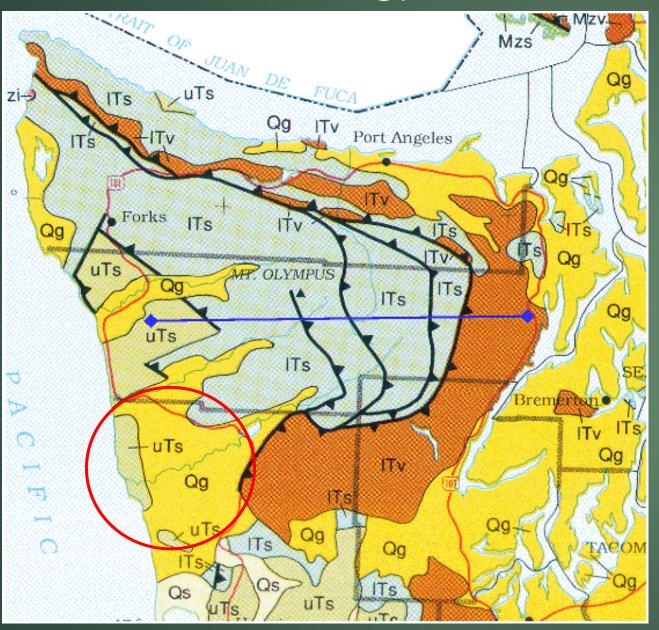
ALPINE
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Generalized Geology



GEOLOGIC UNITS

Unconsolidated Deposits

Quaternary sediments, dominantly nonglacial; includes alluvium and volcaniclastic, glacial outburst flood, eolian, landslide, and coastal deposits

Quaternary sediments, dominantly glacial drift; includes alluvium

Sedimentary Rocks

Upper Tertiary (Pliocene-Miocene)

Lower Tertiary (Oligocene-Paleocene)

Mesozoic

Mesozoic-Paleozoic

Paleozoic

D.

Precambrian

Volcanic Rocks

Qv Quaternary

QPv Quaternary-Pliocene

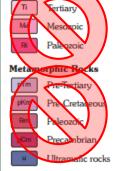
Upper Tertiary (Pliocene–Miocene)

Tve Columbia River Basalt Group

Lower Tertiary (Oligocene-Paleocene)

Mw Mesozo

Intrusive Igneous Rocks



Note: Some pre-Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic rock units include low-grade metamorphic rocks. Ages assigned to metamorphic rocks are protolith ages.

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The Olympic peninsula is formed from a series of rock bands scraped and piled in overlapping layers over the surface of the incoming San Juan de Fuca plate.

This leaves eastward facing curves of rock that have pushed up 8000 feet to form the Olympic mountains.

Basalt Lava Flows at Point Grenville

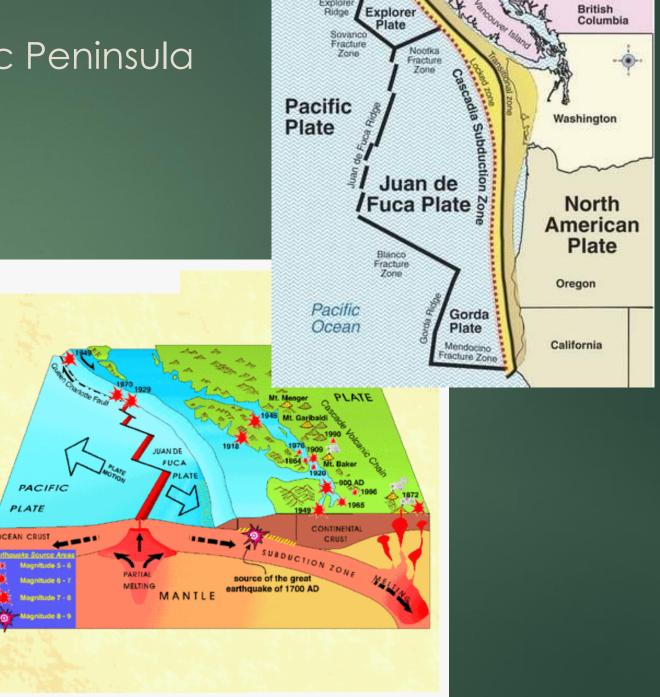


Plate Tectonics of the Olympic Peninsula

The Juan de Fuca plate is colliding with the edge of North America at an average rate of 4.5 cm/year (1.8 in/year).

Every few hundred years, it gets hung up, then releases all at once in a big earthquake.

The last of these events was 313 years ago -- a magnitude 9 quake (HUGE). These events result in generate coastal tsunamis that throw sand up onto the coastal plain.





Tsunami Deposits and Subsided Landscapes Along the Coast



Tsunami Inundation Depth at Taholah for Scenario L1





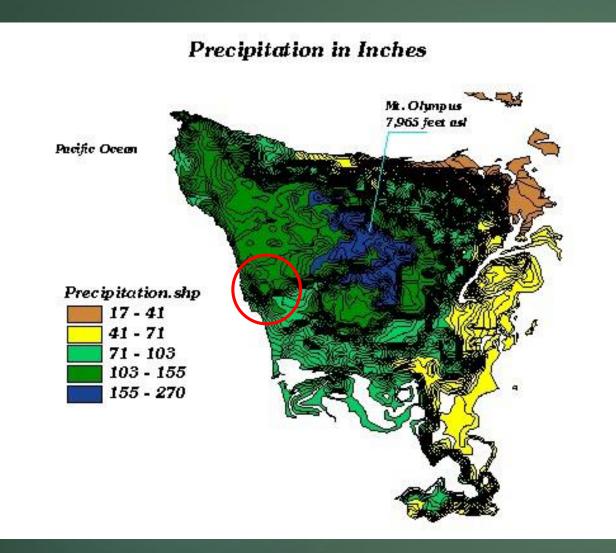


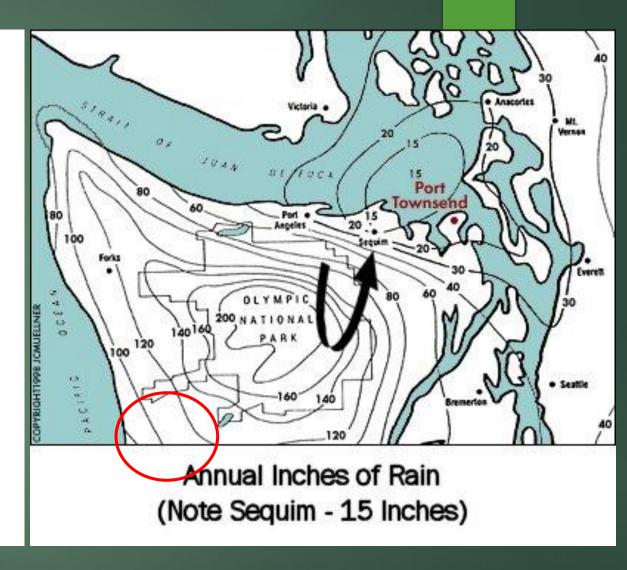
Can we Plan for Tsunami Impacts?

YES!



Olympia Peninsula Rainfall Patterns





Landslides affecting critical infrastructure



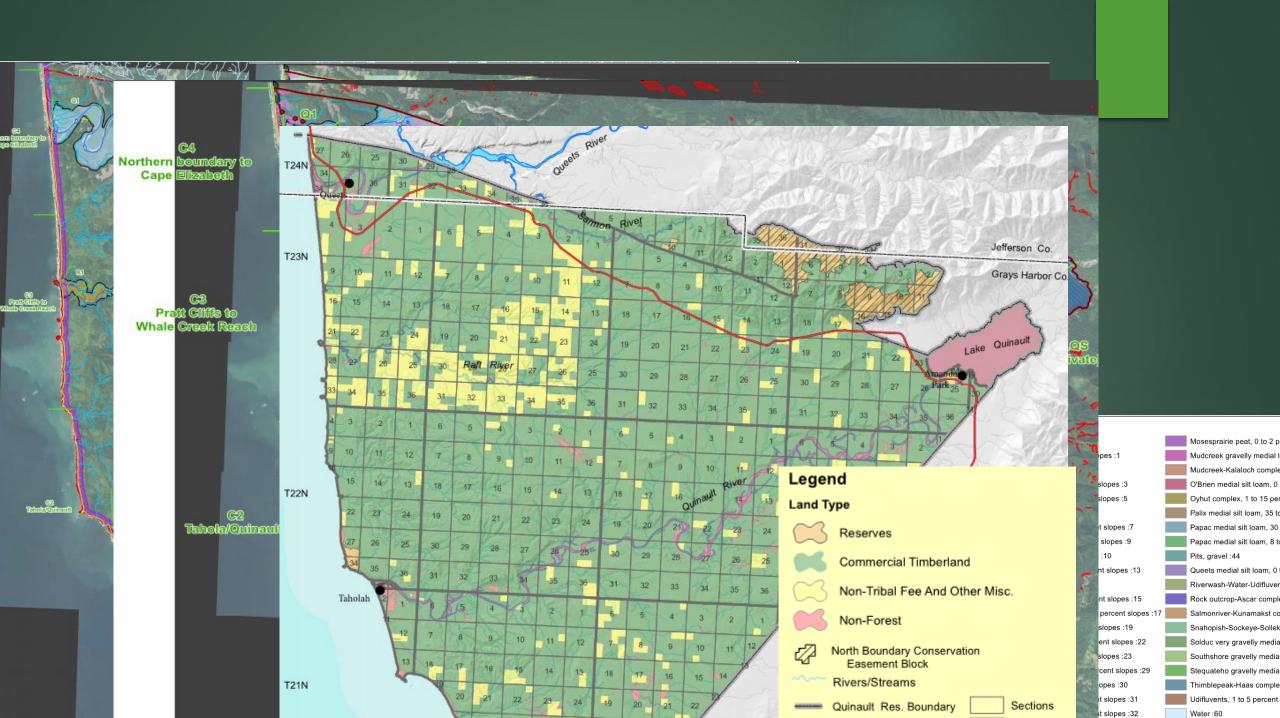


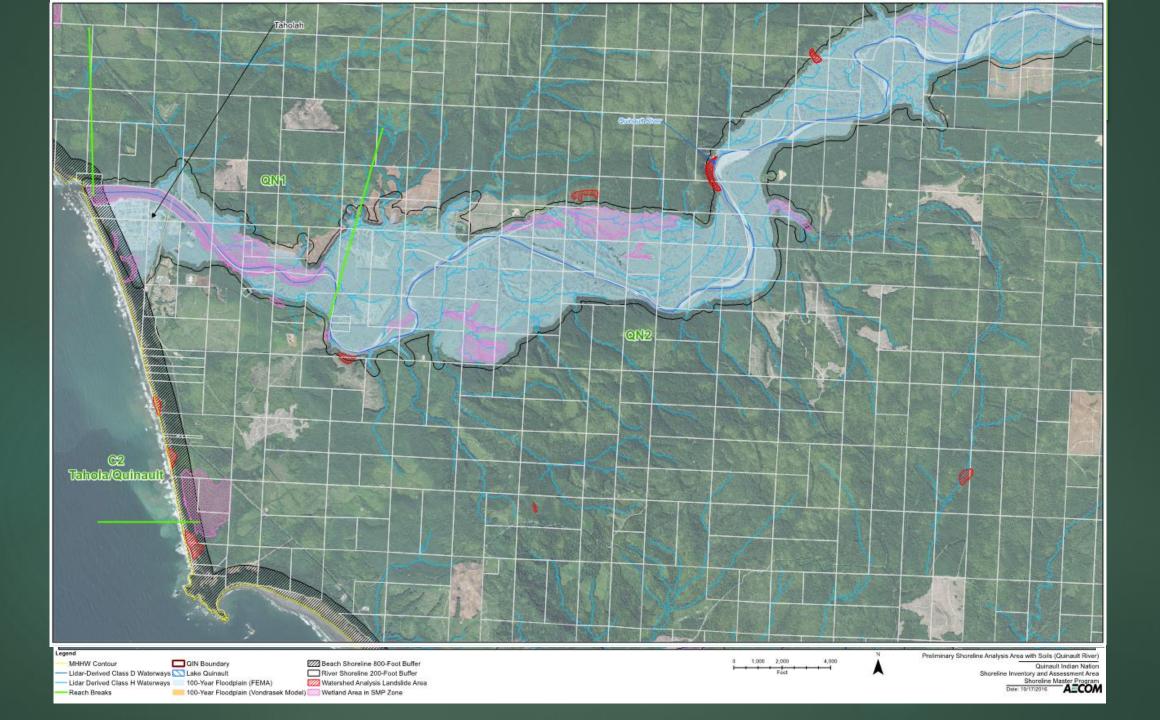


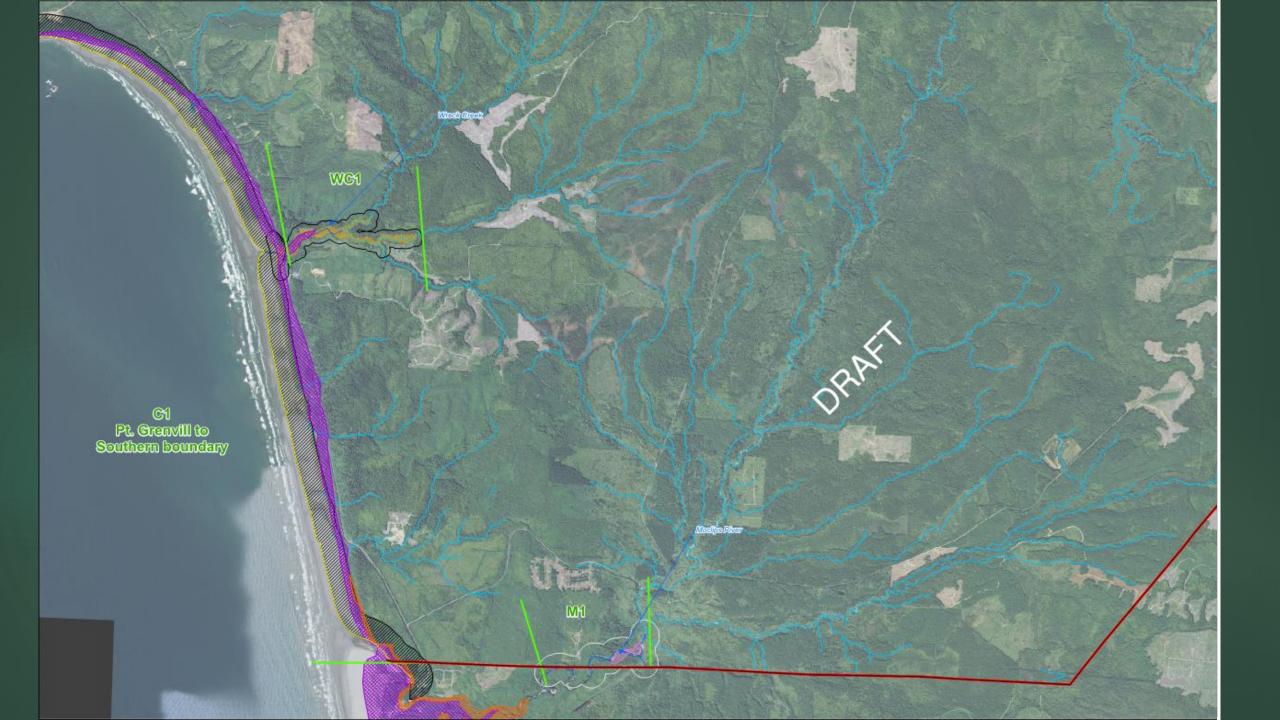
SHORELINE ANALYSIS AREAS

- 1. Proposed Coastal Shoreline Analysis Area
 - a. Starts at the Mean High High Tide (MHHT) elevation line at the beach
 - b. Upland edge is 800 feet inland from MHHT line.
- 2. PROPOSED RIVERINE SHORELINE ANALYSIS AREA
 - a. On D-Rivers (larger, fish-bearing systems), starts at the edge of the 100-year floodplain
 - b. Upland edge is 200 feet inland

The SAA may be widened in some sections if needed to include areas determined to be higher risk -- such as landslide areas, vulnerable infrastructure, or threats to important cultural heritage sites







QUESTIONS?