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Abernathy Creek	0.3	None			Tributary of the Columbia River near Stella, WA. Tidal Influence for 0.3 mile to the rapids (*see Portland Dist public notice dated 1 Aug 1975).
Bachelor Island Slough	2.5	None			Tributary of Columbia River, Mouth 14 miles south of Vancouver, Washington.
Baker Bay (Ilwaco Channel)	4.5	4.5			Part of the Columbia River estuary. Chinook to Ilwaco, Washington.
Baker Bay (West Channel)	3.4	3.4			Tributary of Lower Columbia River at Ilwaco, Washington.
Bear River	4	None			Flows into Willapa Bay. Navigable to head of tidewater, approx. 4 miles above mouth.
Bingen Channel	0.3	0.3			Tributary to Bonneville Pool. At Bingen, Washington.
Birnie Slough	3	None			Tributary of Columbia River. 1 mile south of Cathlamet, WA.
Black River	15	None			Flows into Chehalis River near Rochester, WA. Navigable to 15 miles above mouth.
Brooks Slough	1	None			Tributary of Skamokawa Creek. Mouth at Skamokawa, WA.
Burke Slough	2	None			from Kalama, WA.
Camas Slough	3	None			Side channel of Columbia River at Camas, WA.
Carrolls Channel	5	None			Side channel of Columbia River. Downstream end at Longview, WA.
Cathlamet Channel	8	2			Side channel of Columbia River at Cathlamet, WA.
Cedar River	1	None			Flows into Lake Washington at Renton, WA. Navigable to N.P.R.R. bridge, approx. 1.25 miles above mouth.
Chehalis River	68	14			Flows into Grays Harbor. Project mileage begins at Union Pacific Railway bridge at Aberdeen, WA. Navigable to 68.5 miles above mouth, near Chehalis, WA.
Chinook River	1	None			Flows into Baker Bay. Mouth 3 miles east of Ilwaco, WA.
Coal Creek Slough	6	None			Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth 10 miles downstream of Longview, WA.
Columbia River	215	215.6			From Baker Bay to NWP upstream limit at River Mile 216. The boundary between OR & WA contains Bonneville Lock (RM 145.5) and the Dalles Lock (RM 192.5). See State of Oregon also.
Columbia River	93	93			From River Mile 216, John Day Dam to River Mile 309, which is the Oregon-Washington state line, (left blank) 17 miles above McNary Dam. Also listed under the State of Oregon.

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Columbia River	45	45			From River Mile 309 to River Mile 354, which is 16 miles upstream from Richland, WA, Seattle/Walla Walla District boundary.
Columbia River	392	242			Navigable length shown is from the boundary of the Seattle- Walla Walla Districts upstream to the Canadian border. The authorized project extends from Wenatchee to Kettle Falls. There are 7 dams, all without locks, across the river within Seattle District. Bays within pools created by the dams are considered navigable to normal full pool elevations. Spokane River from mouth to Little Falls, WA also is considered navigable.
Coweman River	4	None			Tributary of Cowlitz River. Mouth at Longview, WA.
Coweman River Sloughs (includes Marys Slough)	-	-			Three tributaries entering Coweman River left bank within 0.8 mile of its mouth (*see Portland Dist public notice dated 8/1/1975).
Coweman Sloughs	4	None			Tributary of Cowlitz River. Mouth at Longview, WA.
Cowlitz River	35.5	35.5			Tributary of Columbia River. Normally only the first 5 miles are maintained. Mouth at Longview, WA.
Crooked Creek	2.6	-			Tributary of Grays Bay (Columbia River).
Dakota Creek	2	None			Flows into Drayton Harbor near Blaine, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, about 2 miles above mouth.
Deep River	6	6			Tributary of Lower Columbia. Mouth 7 miles NE of Astoria, OR.
Dickey River	1	None			Flows into Quillayute River near La Push, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, about 1 mile above mouth.
Drano Lake	1	None			In Bonneville pool - 3 miles from Hood River, OR, across Columbia River. Mouth of Little White Salmon River.
Duwamish River	10	5			River mouth is considered the head of West Waterway, Seattle Harbor, about 0.3 miles downstream of Spokane Street bridge. Head of navigation is the mouth of Black River, former outlet of Lake Washington. This is also the approx. head of the tide, and the point where the Duwamish River becomes the Green River.
Elochoman River	2.2	None			Tributary to Elochomon Slough.
Elockomon Slough	3.5	1.5			Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth at Cathlamet, WA.
Fisher Island Slough	3	None			Side channel of Columbia River. Downstream end 6 miles downstream from Longview, WA.

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Grays Harbor	22	24			The navigable length shown is for the main channel from the UPPR bridge of Aberdeen to the seaward end of the bar channel as of 1965. Mileage shown under authorized project includes this main channel plus Bay City Channel and Westhaven Cove entrance. All bays and sloughs in the harbor are considered navigable to the elevation of MHW.
Grays River	8	8			Tributary of Lower Columbia River. Mouth 7 miles NE of Astoria, OR.
Hama Hama River	1	None			Flows into Hood Canal near Eldon, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, approx. 1 mile above mouth. (*see 13 Jan 83 DF from Engineering Division).
Hoh River	1	None			Flows into Pacific Ocean near Forks, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, approx. 1 mile above mouth.
Hoko River	1	None			Flows into Strait of Juan De Fuca near Sekiu, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, approx. 1 mile above mouth.
Hoquiam River	8	2.5			Flows into Grays Harbor at Hoquiam, WA. Navigable to approximately 8 miles above mouth.
Hoquiam River (East Fork)	6	None			Flows into Hoquiam River at Hoquiam, WA. Navigable to approximately 6 miles above mouth to dam.
Humptulips River	3	None			Flows into Grays Harbor near Hoquiam, WA. Navigable to 3.5 miles above mouth.
Johns River	4	None			Flows into Grays Harbor near Markham, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, approx. 4 miles above mouth.
Kalama River	4	None			Kalama, WA.
Klickitat River	1	None			Tributary to Bonneville Pool, Columbia River. Mouth at Lyle, WA.
Lake Chelan	55	None			1,100 ft. (N.G.V.D.) Entire Lake
Lake River	11	3			Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth 1 mile east of St. Helens, OR. Originates in Vancouver Lake.
Lake Sammamish	8	None			Mileage shown is from outlet of lake on north shore to most southern point in lake. OHW elevation = 27.0' NGVD 1929
Lake Union	1	None			Mileage shown is from the Lake Washington Ship Canal sailing course to the south end of Lake Union. Navigable to upper regulated level. OHW elevation = 21.8' COE datum

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Lake Washington	20	None			Navigable length is shown is from Webster Point, the easterly end of Lake Washington Ship Canal, to the north end of the Lake near Kenmore, and to the south end of the Lake near Renton. Navigable to upper regulated level. OHW elevation = 21.8 feet COE datum.
Lake Washington Ship Canal	8	8			Length shown is from the 34-foot depth curve in Shilshole Bay to the 30-foot depth curve in Lake Washington at Webster Point.
Lewis River	18	0.18			Tributary of Columbia River. Across Columbia River from St. Helens, OR. Normally only first 2 miles maintained.
Lewis River (East Fork)	3	2.5			Tributary of Lewis River. (Inactive part of Federal project). Upper end at LaCenter, WA.
Little Hoquiam River	2	None			Flows into Hoquiam River near Hoquiam, WA. Navigable to head of tidewater, approx. 2 miles above mouth.
Martin Island Slough	2	None			Side channel of Columbia River 4 miles upstream from Kalama, WA.
Naselle River	14	None			Flows into Willapa Bay near Naselle, WA. Navigable 14 miles above mouth.
Nooksack River	26	None			Flows into Bellingham Bay near Bellingham, WA. Navigable 26 miles above mouth to Everson.
North Nemah River	1	None			Flows into Willapa Bay near Nemah, WA. Navigable 0.5 miles above mouth, to State Highway bridge.
North River	5	None			Flows into Willapa Bay near South Bend, WA. Navigable to falls 5 miles above mouth.
Okanogan River	50	None			Flows into Columbia River near Brewster, WA. Navigable from mouth to McLaughlin Falls, approx. 50 miles above mouth near Riverside.
Palix River	4	None			Flows into Willapa Bay near Bay Center, WA. Navigable from mouth to head tidal influence, which is undetermined, but is assumed to be approx. 4 miles above mouth.
Pend Oreille River	72	None			Mileage shown is from the Canadian boundary at Mile 16, to the Washington-Idaho State line at Mile 88. Box Canyon Dam in this reach has no locks. Above Box Canyon the river is considered navigable to normal full pool elevation. (See also under Idaho).

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Puget Sound	97	15			Waters included are those described in Chapter 13, United States Coast Pilot 7, Ninth (1963) Edition. All are navigable to the line of MHW. Length of main channel is sailing course from Port Townsend to Olympia. No project channels are involved in this course except 2.5 miles at Olympia. Miles shown under authorized project are the aggregate length of the waterway connecting Port Townsend Bay and Oak Bay; East Waterway at Everett; Port Gamble, East and West Waterways at Seattle; Port Orchard; Hylebos, Port Industrial and City Waterways at Tacoma; Hammersley Inlet; and Olympia. Lengths of authorized small boat harbors at Port Townsend, Lake Crockett and Shilshole Bay are not included.
Puyallup River	3	3			Flows into Commencement Bay at Tacoma, WA. Navigable 3 miles above mouth.
Pysht River	2	None			head of tidewater, 2.5 miles above mouth.
Queets River	1	None			Flows into Pacific Ocean near Queets, WA. Navigable approx. 1 mile above mouth.
Quillayute River	2	1			Flows into Pacific Ocean at La Push, WA. Navigable 2.5 miles above mouth.
Rock Creek	1	None			In Bonneville Pool Columbia River at Stevenson, WA.
Samish River	4	None			Flows into Samish Bay near Edison, WA. Navigable 4 miles above mouth.
Sammamish River	15	15			Flows out of Lake Sammamish into Lake Washington near Seattle, Washington. Navigable throughout.
Sauk River	40	None			Tributary to the Skagit River. Navigable up to Bedal.
Seal Slough	1.9	-			Tributary to Corays River. Tidal influence for a distance 1.9 miles from its mouth to Kendall Road crossing (see Portland District public notice dated 1 Aug 1975).
Sekiu River	1	None			Flows into Strait of Juan De Fuca near Sekiu, WA. Navigable 4,000 feet above mouth.
Skagit River (North Fork)	7	None			Flows out of Skagit River at about Mile 9.5 near Mt. Vernon, into Skagit Bay.
Skagit River (Including South Fork)	77	9.5			Flows into Skagit Bay near Stanwood, WA. Mileage shown is from outboard end of training dike, at entrance to the South Fork, to Ranger Station at Marblemount, WA.
Skamokawa Creek	1	0.4			Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth at Skamokawa, WA.

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Skokomish River	3	None			Flows into Hood Canal near Union, WA. Navigable 3 miles above mouth to head of tidewater. (*see 13 Jan 86 DF from Engineering Division).
Skykomish River	12	None			At point of confluence with Snoqualmie River forms the Snohomish River near Monroe, WA. Navigable to Sultan, WA., approx. 12 miles above mouth.
Snake River	36	36			From Lewiston, ID - Clarkston, WA, Highway Bridge to the Washington-Oregon state line at Corlin Creek. Also listed under the State of Idaho.
Snake River	140	140			From its confluence with the Columbia to Lewiston, ID - Clarkston, WA, Highway Bridge.
Snohomish River	23	6			Formed by confluence of Skykomish and Snoqualmie near Monroe, WA. Flows into Port Gardner at Everett, WA. Navigable throughout. Mileage shown is from south end of training dike in Everett Harbor.
Snohomish River (Ebey Slough)	11	None			Flows out of Snohomish River near Mile 10 at Everett, WA, into Port Gardner. Mileage shown is from head to I-5 highway bridge near mouth.
Snohomish River (Steamboat Slough)	5	None			Flows out of Snohomish River near Mile 6 at Everett, WA, into Port Gardner. Mileage shown is from head to GN Ry bridge near mouth.
Snohomish River (Union Slough)	4	None			Flows out of Snohomish River near Mile 6 at Everett, WA, into Port Gardner. Mileage shown is from head to GN Ry bridge near mouth.
Snoqualmie River	20	None			At point of confluence with Skykomish River, forms the Snohomish River Monroe, WA. Navigable to Carnation, WA approx. 20 miles above mouth.
Steamboat Slough	2	0.5			Side channel of Columbia River. Mouth at Skamokawa, WA.
Stillaguamish River	8	2.5			Flows into Port Susan near Stanwood, WA. Navigable approx. 8 miles above mouth to head of Hat Slough.
Stillaguamish River (Hat Slough)	2	None			Flows out of Stillaguamish River near Mile 8. Mileage shown is from head to mouth in Port Susan.
Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca	124	13			Waters included are those described in Ch. 12, United States Coast Pilot 7, Ninth (1963) Edition. All are navigable to the line of MHW. Length of main channel is sailing course from Cape Flattery to Bellingham. No project channels are involved in this course except 1.2 miles of Whatcom Creek Waterway of Bellingham. Miles shown under authorized project are the aggregate length of Squalicum and Whatcom Creek; Waterways of Bellingham, Capsante Waterway at Anacortes; and Swinomish Channel. Lengths of authorized small boat harbors at Neah Bay, Port Angeles, Blaine, Bellingham, and Anacortes are not included.

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Suiattle River	11.5	None			Tributary to the Sauk River. Navigable to the Boundary Bridge.
Vancouver Lake	-	-			In its entirety. Lake River originates at north end.
Wallacut River	0.5	None			Flows into Baker Bay. Mouth 1 mi. NE of Ilwaco, WA.
Walla Walla River	13	10			This is from original mouth before McNary Pool was formed to the State Highway 12 Bridge.
Washougal River	0.5	None			Tributary to the Columbia River. Tidal influence for a distance of 0.5 miles from its mouth on Camas Slough (*See Portland Dist public notice dated 1 Aug 1975).
Welcome Slough	1.4	None			Tributary of Columbia River. 2 mi. south of Cathlamet, WA.
White Salmon River	1	None			Tributary to Bonneville Pool - Columbia River. Mouth 2 miles downstream from White Salmon, WA.
Willapa River	7	6			Formed by confluence of North and South Forks at Raymond, WA. Flows into Willapa Bay near South Bend, WA. River is navigable throughout
Willapa River (North Fork)	14	2			At confluence with South Fork, forms Willapa River at Raymond, WA. Navigable 14 miles above mouth to Willapa City.
Willapa River (South Fork)	3	2			At confluence with North Fork, forms Willapa River at Raymond, WA. Navigable to head if tidal influence, estimated at 3 miles above mouth.
Willapa River (Skidmore Slough)	1	None			Flows into Willapa River near South Bend, WA. Navigable to 2,000' above mouth, but closed to navigation by NP Railway culverts 1,000' above mouth.
Wind River	1	None			Tributary to Bonneville Pool - Columbia River. Mouth 4 mi. upstream from Stevenson, WA.
Wishkah River	11	None			Flows into Chehalis River at Aberdeen, WA. Navigable approx. 11 miles above mouth, to head of tidewater at Forks.
Yakima River	8.4	6			This is from original mouth before McNary Pool was formed to the Van Geisen Street Bridge.