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## District settles contractor's pre-dredging costs

**Walla Walla, Wash.** – A contract for dredging work on the Snake and Columbia rivers that was first issued in October 2002 has been terminated for the convenience of the government, and the contractor has been paid for their efforts to date, according to a contracting officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The contract we awarded in October 2002 was terminated in the early phases of the project as a result of litigation," said Yvonne Finley, Contracting Officer for the fiscal 2003 dredging contract.

The District settled for approximately \$1 million with the Dutra Dredging Company of San Rafael, Calif., for pre-dredging costs related to the work that was to have been done at miscellaneous sites in Washington and Idaho. This amount provides compensation for agreed upon costs, as specified by regulation, incurred by the contractor due to the government's termination of the contract. These costs include amounts for labor, equipment usage, mobilization, de-mobilization, sub-contract costs, general and administrative costs, stand-by time and profit on some of those costs. The settlement completes all actions and paves the way for the government to initiate new contracts in the future.

"Our engineers and scientists worked hard to develop a plan that would provide for beneficial uses through aquatic habitat improvements, as well as fulfill our obligations to commercial interests in the region. Our job is to balance many competing interests, and we will continue to do that to the best of our ability," said Lt. Col. Ed Kertis, District Commander.

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