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Richard Bellon, THPO  
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Re: Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal Project  
Vancouver, Washington  
Cultural Resource Information Request

Dear Mr. Bellon:

I am writing to provide you with information and a request to initiate coordination regarding the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal that is proposed to be located at the Port of Vancouver (Port) in Vancouver, Washington (Figures 1 and 2, attached). The proposed facility will receive crude oil by freight rail, temporarily store it on site, and pipe it to marine vessels for shipment via the Columbia River.

The proposed project is subject to the jurisdiction of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) since the project is expected to ship over 50,000 barrels of crude oil per day over marine waters. In support of the application to EFSEC, AINW is preparing an analysis of potential impacts to cultural resources in accordance with applicable state statutes and regulations. For purposes of the EFSEC application, the proposed study area will be the area where construction impacts may occur at the Port, as illustrated in the attached figures.

The project may also require approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for potential in-water work on the existing Port Berths 13 and 14 which will be used to support the marine activities related to the project. For purposes of supporting review by the USACE, a separate cultural resources study meeting the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, will be prepared. The standards of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will be followed, and the cultural resource study will be directed by AINW staff who have met the professional qualifications of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Based on the currently proposed project impacts, my review of previous studies indicate that nearly the entire study area has been previously surveyed for archaeological resources (Figure 3, attached) and none have been identified within the study area; from 1.2 to 6 meters (4 to 20 feet) of dredge fill deposits cover most of the APE and the small portions not previously surveyed are paved and are on the filled area.

The applicant is very interested to learn whether you have information regarding properties, features, or materials within the study area that may be of concern to the Chehalis Tribes so that these concerns can be addressed in the cultural resources review included in the application to EFSEC. If you have information regarding cultural resources, please feel free to contact me at 503-761-6605. For information about the project's proposed facilities, you may contact me or contact the environmental planner for the project, Irina Makarow of BergerABAM, at 206-431-2373. Feel free to reply by letter, email, or telephone. You may email me at [jo@ainw.com](mailto:jo@ainw.com), or if you prefer, you may email Ms. Makarow at [Irina.Makarow@abam.com](mailto:Irina.Makarow@abam.com). Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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VP/Senior Archaeologist

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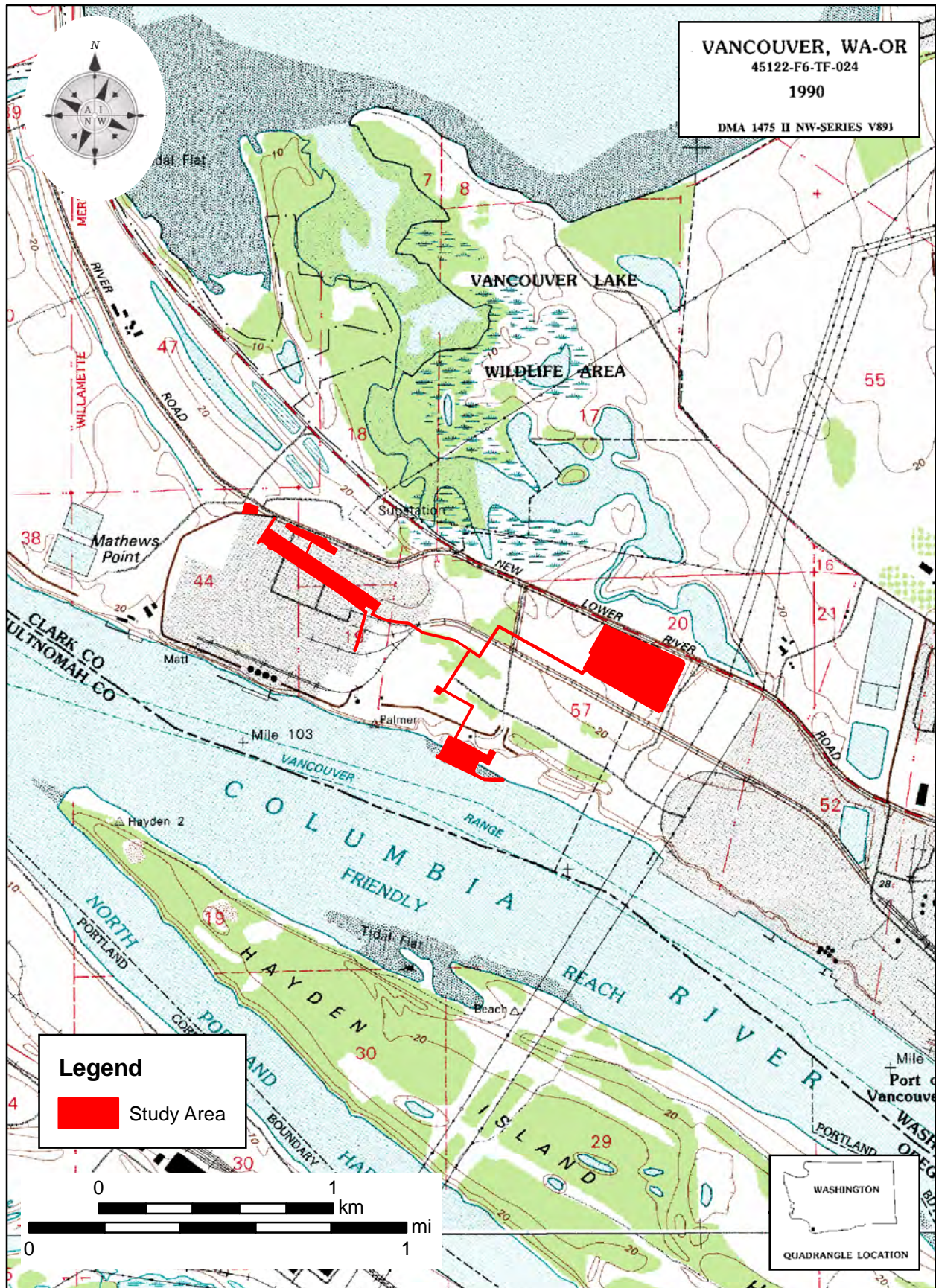


Figure 1. The Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal project at the Port of Vancouver, Washington.

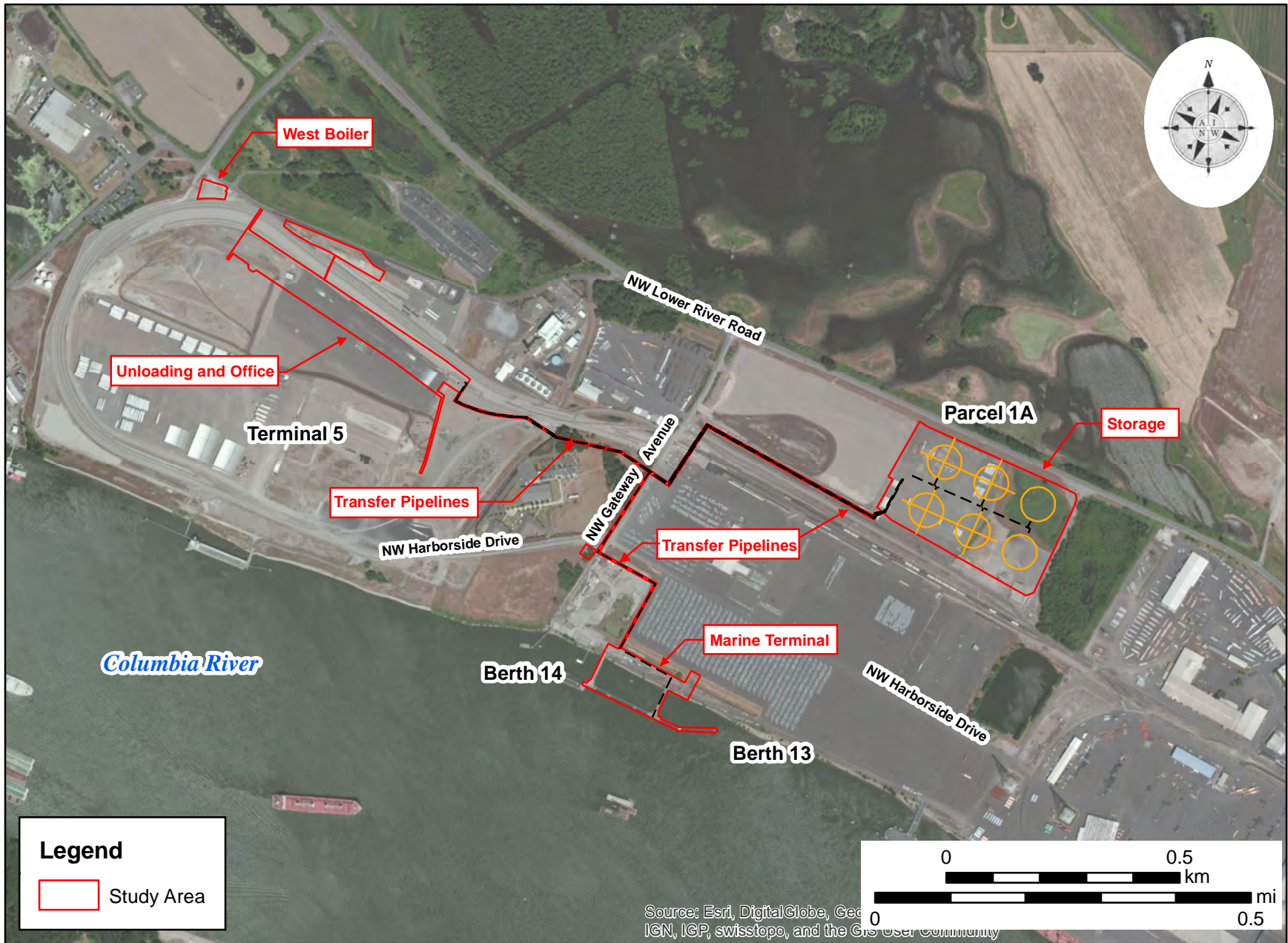


Figure 2. The Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal study area includes rail unloading, administrative and support buildings at Terminal 5, storage tanks and control room at Parcel 1A, several transfer pipelines, and a marine terminal that includes a control room, dock improvements, and ship loading at Berth 13 and Berth 14.

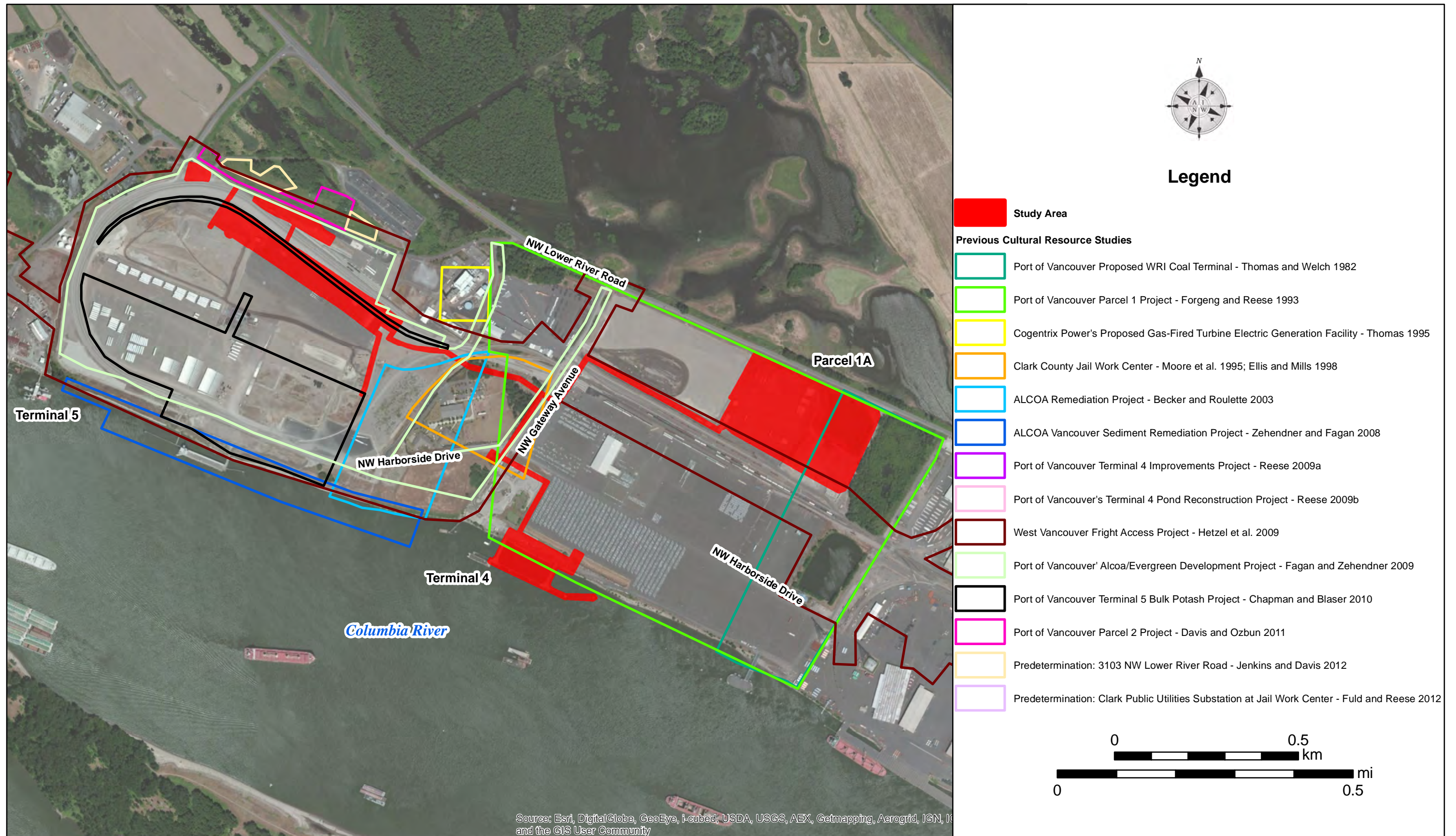


Figure 3. Previous cultural resource studies within and surrounding the study area.