







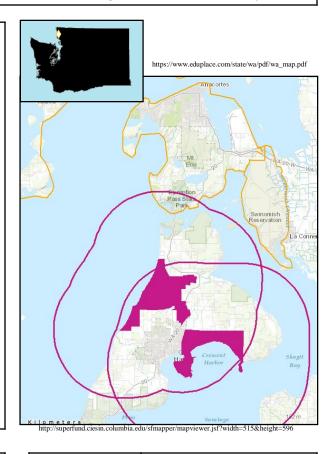
## Naval Air Station Superfund Site: Swinomish and Samish Nations

## **Case Study: Tribe Information**

- The Naval Air Station Superfund Site is located on Whidbey Island, WA in the ancestral lands of the Swinomish and Samish Nations. Coast Salish tribes have maintained a culture centered on abundant salt water resources including seafood and marine mammals, as well as upland resources such as berries and wild game.
- The Swinomish and Samish Tribes have begun a collaboration with the Superfund Research Program at OSU to analyze contaminants in harvested shellfish (2014).
- NPL documents of interest may be available through ITEP's resource library.

#### **EPA NPL Status Information**

- Recent Site History: The Naval Air Station (NAS) was commissioned in 1942. There are two bases that cover 7.000 acres; Ault Field and Seaplane Base -- 5 miles apart. Ault Field contains most of the military activities and consists of 23 waste areas. Its major waste-generating activities include vehicle maintenance, engine testing, painting and paint stripping, battery maintenance, pest control, public work maintenance, and transformer servicing.
- Response activities: The site was listed on the NPL in 1990. The initial construction for the clean-up is complete.



# Map Key

Native Lands **NPL Site** 



4 Mile Buffer

# **Primary Contaminants**

- Arsenic, Carbon Tetrachloride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, PAHs, Pesticides, Selenium, Trichloroethylene (TCE), Toluene, Trichloroethane (TCA), Zinc
- There were 61 contaminants of concern found at this site.



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