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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Comprehensive Acoustic Monitoring Report provides a summary of underwater sound levels measured during in-water pile driving from all four construction seasons of the Elliott Bay Seawall Project ("Project").

Consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires sound level monitoring for the first five unobstructed piles of each pile type and installation method, with some exceptions. This Comprehensive Acoustic Monitoring Technical Report fulfills the requirements of the Project's Biological Opinion issued by NOAA and USFWS, and the MMPA Letters of Authorization (LOA), issued by NOAA.

Consultation with NOAA and USFWS under the MMPA and ESA also requires collection of underwater background sound levels. As a result of the September 22, 2014 coordination with NOAA, USFWS and SDOT, the parties agreed that background sound level data would be collected at two locations: near the construction area and between 500 and 1,000 meters from the construction area in Elliott Bay.

The Project construction area was located west of Alaskan Way between Virginia Street and Washington Street in Seattle, Washington. Airborne and underwater sound levels measurements were made in Boxes 4 and 10 during Season 1; Box 6 during Season 2; Box 2 during Season 3 and Box 1 during Season 4 (see Figure 1.1).



Figure 1.1 Construction Boxes

2.0 MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY

Airborne sound levels were collected at 50 feet from pile driving, with the exception of Season 1 when greater distances were needed due to site layout and safety. However, Season 1 data was normalized to 50 feet, as required in the Project's LOA. Measurements were made between five and seven feet above either a pier or ground with line of sight to the pile driving.

Unless otherwise noted, hydroacoustic monitoring was conducted using two hydrophones located approximately 33 feet (10 meters) from pile driving activities. The distances between the piles and hydrophones were measured using a laser distance measurement device. Hydrophone locations were selected based on site access and to achieve an unobstructed acoustical transmission path between the hydrophones and piles where possible.

Generally, one hydrophone was positioned 3.3 feet (1 meter) below the surface and the second hydrophone was positioned 3.3 feet (1 meter) above the sea floor. Water depth was measured at the hydrophone deployment locations. In addition to water depth measurements, tidal information was obtained from NOAA Station #9447130 and was used to track tidal changes during construction and to calculate the resulting distance between the two hydrophones.

During Season 1, one hydrophone located approximately 33 feet (10 meters) from pile driving was used to collect underwater sound levels from impact and vibratory pile driving in Box 10 due to shallow water depths. Hydroacoustic data measured from vibratory pile driving in Box 4 during Season 1 was conducted using four hydrophones. Two hydrophones were located approximately 3.3 feet (1 meter) below the surface, while the other two were deployed 70% to 85% of the total water depth. Far field measurements were not conducted during Season 1.

Underwater sound levels measured from impact pile driving during Season 3 were measured simultaneously at two different monitoring locations, one near the pile and the other near a buoy in Elliott Bay to determine whether underwater sound levels generated by pile driving were above the disturbance and injury thresholds for pinnipeds. Near shore measurements and measurements made near the buoy were made with one hydrophone deployed at mid-water depth, allowing for the estimation of a site-specific attenuation factor for obstructed piles in Box 2. Near shore measurements were made approximately 50 feet (15 meters) from impact pile driving due to limited site access and to maintain an unobstructed acoustical path between the hydrophone and the piles.

Hydroacoustic measurements of impact pile driving during Season 4 were made using four hydrophones. Two hydrophones were deployed approximately 33 feet (10 meters) from impact pile driving at 3.3 feet (1 meter) below the surface and 3.3 feet (1 meter) above the seafloor. Two additional hydrophones were located at mid-water depth at various distances from pile driving to determine a site-specific attenuation factor for obstructed piles in Box 1.

Near shore and far-field background sound levels were measured using one hydrophone deployed at mid-water depth.

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3.0 SIGNAL PROCESSING

The Project's LOAs and Biological Opinion require reporting of underwater sound levels generated by the first five unobstructed piles of each pile type and driving method. These reported sound levels must include the frequency spectrum, ranges, means and standard deviation for the peak and RMS sound pressure levels for each marine mammal functional hearing group, as well as the estimated distance required for the RMS values to reach the marine mammal thresholds and background sound levels. During impact pile driving, the pile strike resulting in the absolute highest peak sound pressure level must be used to calculate the cSEL of the pile drive.

The Season 1 LOA did not specify that the sound levels should be measured from unobstructed piles, but did require monitoring of the first five piles of each pile type and driving method. Measurements of unobstructed piles were included in the LOAs for Seasons 2 through 4. Monitoring of obstructed piles was permitted during Season 3 to allow for measurements of sound levels near a buoy to determine whether pile driving was exceeding the relevant marine mammal threshold criteria at the location of the buoy.

As requested by NOAA during a conference call on September 22, 2014, sound levels measured during ramp-up activities are reported separately from sound levels measured during pile driving under full power. In addition, NOAA requested sound level data to include the range of SEL values.

Consultation with NOAA and USFWS under the MMPA and ESA also requires collection of underwater background sound levels. As a result of the September 22, 2014 coordination with NOAA, USFWS and SDOT, the parties agreed that background sound level data would be collected between 500 and 1,000 meters from the construction area to verify that sound levels reported by WSDOT in 2011 had not changed.

3.1 Vibratory Pile Driving

Hydroacoustic data collected during vibratory installation of steel sheet piles and removal of concrete piles from all four construction seasons was analyzed to determine the range, average and standard deviation of 10-second RMS, peak and SEL values for each marine mammal functional hearing group. Periods during the pile drive when pile installation was not occurring under full power are excluded from the analysis.

Data was analyzed for each functional hearing group by applying a band pass filter to remove frequencies from the signal that are not included in the functional hearing group being analyzed. SEL values were calculated using 1-second RMS values.

The reported maximum and minimum values are the maximum or minimum value from either of the two hydrophones located approximately 10 meters from vibratory pile driving. The standard deviation was calculated using decibel values. Average sound levels were calculated using the mean sound pressure from each hydrophone, converted to decibels and taking the logarithmic average of the two values.

Airborne sound data collected during vibratory installation of the steel sheet piles and removal of concrete piles was analyzed to determine the range and average of unweighted 10-second RMS values while piles were installed under full power. These 10-second RMS values were calculated over a frequency range of at least 10 Hz to 20 kHz.

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3.2 Impact Pile Driving

Underwater sound data collected during the impact driving of steel sheet piles were analyzed to determine the range, average and standard deviation of peak, RMS₉₀, and SEL values as well as the cSEL of each pile for each marine mammal functional hearing group as required by the ESA and MMPA consultation. Periods when pile driving was not occurring under full power were excluded from this analysis. Ramp-up activities were separated from the full power pile driving analysis and are presented separately.

Standard deviation was calculated using the decibel values and the average sound levels were calculated using the mean sound pressure levels.

Data analysis was conducted for each marine mammal functional hearing group by applying a band pass filter to remove frequencies from the signal that are not included in the functional hearing group being analyzed. This filter provides a roll off of more than -40 dB per decade.

The RMS₉₀ was established between the 5th percentile and 95th percentile of each recorded pile strike. SEL values for impact pile driving of steel sheet piles were calculated for each pile strike over the duration of the strike containing 90% of the acoustic energy using the following formula:

$$SEL = RMS(dB) + 10 \log_{10}(\tau)$$

Where τ is the time interval containing 90% of the acoustic energy in each pile strike.

cSEL values where calculated using the SEL value corresponding to the maximum peak pile strike using the following formula, which is required by the ESA documents:

$$cSEL = SEL_{single} + 10 \log_{10}(n)$$

Where SEL_{single} is the SEL value corresponding to the pile strike which produced the highest peak sound pressure and *n* is the total number of pile strikes included in the analysis.

An unobstructed path between the piles and microphone used to collected airborne sound levels was maintained throughout the duration of all impact pile driving wherever possible. The range and average unweighted RMS values were calculated over periods of full power pile driving using either 100-millisecond or 1-second RMS values calculated over a frequency range of at least 10 Hz to 20 kHz.

3.3 Background Sound Levels

Background sound levels reported from Season 1 were calculated from broadband 1-hour RMS sound levels and background sound levels reported from construction Seasons 2 through 4 were calculated using 10-second RMS background sound data collected during daytime hours. This data was used to calculate the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of each marine mammal functional hearing group in accordance with the NOAA Guidance Document: "Data Collection Methods to Characterize Underwater Background Sound Relevant to Marine Mammals in Coastal Nearshore Waters and Rivers of Washington and Oregon" dated January 31, 2012. The marine mammal functional hearing groups are presented in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Marine Mammal Functional Hearing Groups

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Functional Hearing Group	Low Frequency	High Frequency
Low-Frequency Cetaceans	7 Hz	20 kHz
Mid-Frequency Cetaceans	150 Hz	20 kHz
High-Frequency Cetaceans	200 Hz	20 kHz
Pinnipeds	75 Hz	20 kHz

Note: Underwater sound levels from pile driving as well as background sound levels measured during Season 1-4 were analyzed using NOAA's previous Guidance Documents dated January 31, 2012. Data collected from pile driving during Season 4 was also analyzed using the updated technical guidance issued in July, 2016.

Source: NOAA Guidance Document: "Data Collection Methods to Characterize Underwater Background Sound Relevant to Marine Mammals in Coastal Nearshore Waters and Rivers of Washington and Oregon" dated January 31, 2012

The overall broadband background sound levels for each hearing group described in Table 3.1 are reported as the 50th percentile of the CDFs.

4.0 RESULTS

Underwater sound levels measured during all four construction seasons are provided in the Appendix of this Report. It should be noted that underwater data collected during Season 1 was reanalyzed at the request of NOAA to include additional metrics. These data was re-analyzed after the issuance of the Season 1 Report and as a result Season 1 sound levels included in the Appendix of this report differ from those provided in the Season 1 Report.

The range of average peak, RMS and SEL sound levels measured over the duration of the Project are provided in Table 4.1 below.

Driving Method			Obstructed		Unobstructed					
	Pile Type	Peak	RMS	SEL	Peak	RMS	SEL			
	Sheet Pile	163 – 171	147 – 164	147 – 164	164 – 186	147 – 168	148 – 168			
Vibratory	Concrete Pile (removal)	148 – 157	129 – 147	129 – 147	-	-	-			
Import	Sheet Pile	184 – 194	171 – 182	157 – 167	192 – 198	180 – 185	166 – 170			
Impact	Concrete Pile	159 – 181	145 – 170	134 – 158	172 – 194	155 – 183	146 – 168			

Table 4.1 Range of Average Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 μPa

Note: Underwater sound levels were measured 32 to 40 feet (10-12 meters) from piles or were normalized to 33 feet (10 meters)

The number of piles and driving methods monitored during all four construction seasons is summarized in Table 4.2.

Driving	Pile Type	Seas	son 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4
Method	гие туре	Box 4	Box 10	3eas011 2	Season 5	Season 4
Vibrotory	Sheet Pile	5*	7	5	5	5*
Vibratory	Concrete Pile (removal)	0	0	0	0	5*
Impost	Sheet Pile	0	0	5	5*	5*
Impact	Concrete Pile	6*	5	0	0	0

Table 4.2 Summary of Monitored Pile Types and Driving Methods

Note: "*" indicates obstructed piles

The results of hydroacoustic monitoring conducted over the duration of the Project are discussed in the Sections below.

4.1 Vibratory Pile Driving

Steel sheet piles were installed using an APE Model 250 Variable Moment Vibratory Driver/Extractor during all four construction seasons. Hydroacoustic monitoring took place during the installation of at least five sheet piles during each construction season, totaling 27 steel sheet piles over the duration of the project. The same vibratory hammer was also used to remove concrete piles in Box 1 during Season 4. Hydroacoustic monitoring was conducted during the removal of the first five concrete piles.

Vibratory pile driving was monitored in Box 4 on February 12 and 13, 2014 during Season 1. However, because the sheet piles were obstructed by Waterfront Dock, further measurements were made in Box 10 on February 24, 2014. Reported sound levels from Box 4 have been normalized to 33 feet (10 meters) from the pile using the practical spreading model.

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During vibratory pile driving in Box 10, the vibratory hammer operated at a reduced energy setting during the monitoring of sheet piles three through seven, which led to a reduction in underwater sound levels. The reduced energy setting appeared to be most effective in mid and high-frequency cetacean and pinniped marine mammal hearing groups. Noise mitigation was not implemented during any other vibratory pile driving over the duration of the project.

Unobstructed measurements of vibratory pile driving were conducted in Box 6 on October 30 and 31, 2014 and November 7, 2014 during Season 2. During Season 3, unobstructed vibratory pile driving was monitored on January 14 and 15, 2016 in Box 2. Vibratory pile driving was also monitored on December 28, 2016 in Box 1 during Season 4. However, all piles driven during Season 4 were landward of Pier 62/63 and an unobstructed path between the hydrophones and piles was not able to be established during all pile driving.

Additional measurements were made in Elliott Bay while vibratory pile driving was underway during Seasons 3 and 4. The Season 3 measurements were used to determine whether underwater sound produced by pile driving exceeded relevant marine mammal thresholds near a buoy approximately 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) to the southwest of the project area. Measurements in Elliott Bay during Season 4 were made to allow the site specific attenuation factor from obstructed pile driving to be calculated (see Section 4.4). However, due to high background sound levels in Elliott Bay during Seasons 3 and 4 sound levels produced by vibratory pile driving did not appear to significantly increase during periods of vibratory pile driving and it was difficult to attribute contributions in underwater sound levels specifically to pile driving.

The highest underwater sound levels measured during vibratory pile driving occurred during Season 2, likely the result of the water depth and substrate conditions at the pile locations.

4.2 Impact Pile Driving

Concrete piles were driven with an APE Model D62-42 Single Acting Diesel Impact Hammer during Season 1. Hydroacoustic monitoring took place on February 22 through 24, 2014 of five concrete piles installed with the impact hammer in Box 10. Additional monitoring also occurred during the installation of six concrete piles in Box 4 on February 22 and 23, 2014. No additional concrete piles were installed during the project.

In the event that the vibratory hammer was unable to drive piles to the required embedment depth, an impact hammer was used to complete the drive. Impact pile driving of sheet piles occurred during Seasons 2 through 4. Hydroacoustic monitoring of unobstructed sheet piles driven with an APE Model 6-2 Hydraulic Impact Hammer was conducted on November 7 and 8, 2014 in Box 6 during Season 2. During Season 3, obstructed hydroacoustic data was collected on February 8, 2016 during impact pile driving of steel sheet piles with an APE Model D50-42 Single Acting Diesel Impact Hammer. Impact pile driving with an APE Model D50-52 Single Acting Diesel Impact Hammer was monitored in Box 1 on December 28, 2016 during Season 4. However, because Box 1 was obstructed by Pier 62/63 pilings, an unobstructed acoustical transmission path was not able to be achieved during all impact pile driving. Underwater sound levels were measured during the impact pile driving of 15 steel sheet piles during Seasons 2 through 4 of the Project.

During Seasons 3 and 4, hydroacoustic measurements were made at multiple distances from impact pile driving and were used to determine whether underwater sound generated by impact

pile driving exceeded relevant marine mammal thresholds. These measurements were also used to estimate the site specific attenuation factors (see Section 4.4).

The loudest underwater sound levels measured from impact pile driving of steel sheet piles were recorded during Season 2, likely due to water depth and substrate conditions. It should be noted that the rated energy of the APE Model 6-2 Hydraulic Impact Hammer used during Season 2 is 24,000 foot-pounds, which is less than either of the diesel impact hammers used to drive sheet piles.

At least one 6-inch wooden pile pad was used during all impact pile driving of concrete piles. Multiple sound attenuation measures were tested during impact pile driving in Box 4. The third pile was driven with one 6-inch pile pad at a reduced fuel setting, the fourth and fifth piles were driven with a reduced fuel setting and a new pile pad was inserted part of the way through each pile drive. The sixth pile was driven at a reduced fuel setting with two new 6-inch pile pads.

4.3 Background Sound Levels

Background sound levels were collected in the absence of in-water construction during all four construction seasons. During Season 1 long term background sound levels were measured in Box 10. However, due to the proximity to Coleman Dock it is unlikely the measurements accurately represent background sound levels in Elliott Bay. Additional short term measurements were made in Box 4.

As a result of coordination with NOAA, USFWS and SDOT, short term background sound level measurements were made in Elliott Bay during Seasons 2 through 4 in addition to 72-hour background measurements made near the construction areas.

The results of short term background sound level measurements in Elliott Bay and 72-hour measurements made near the construction areas are summarized in Table 4.3 and Table 4.4.

Table 4.3 Average Daytime Underwater Background Sound Levels in Elliott Bay, dB re: 1 µPa

	_	Background Sound Levels ¹												
Functional Hearing Group	Frequency Range	S	eason	2 (201	5)	S	eason	3 (201	6)	S	eason	4 (201	7)	
	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	
Low-Frequency Cetaceans	7 Hz–20 kHz	122	170	9	140	113	152	8	126	112	147	7	128	
Mid-Frequency Cetaceans	150 Hz–20 kHz	111	141	6	120	105	142	6	119	109	145	8	124	
High-Frequency Cetaceans	200 Hz–20 kHz	110	140	6	120	105	141	6	118	108	145	8	124	
Pinnipeds	75 Hz–20 kHz	114	142	6	123	106	145	6	120	110	146	8	126	

1. The median was used to report the average background sound levels

Table 4.4 Average Daytime Near	Shore Underwater Background Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

					E	Backgr	ound S	Sound	Levels	1			
Functional Hearing Group	Frequency Range	S	eason	2 (201	5)	S	eason	3 (201	6)	S	eason	4 (201	7)
	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg
Low-Frequency Cetaceans	7 Hz–20 kHz	118	157	4	128	115	142	5	127	119	142	4	127
Mid-Frequency Cetaceans	150 Hz–20 kHz	114	144	3	123	110	142	5	125	117	141	4	125
High-Frequency Cetaceans	200 Hz–20 kHz	114	143	3	123	109	141	5	125	116	140	4	124
Pinnipeds	75 Hz–20 kHz	115	150	3	123	113	142	5	126	117	141	4	126

1. The median was used to report the average background sound levels

These data collected from near shore and far field measurements in Elliott Bay during Seasons 2 through 4 suggest that background sound levels in Elliott Bay remained consistent with the background sound levels measured by WSDOT in 2011.

4.4 Calculating Site Specific Attenuation Factors

Far field hydroacoustic measurements were conducted in Elliott Bay during Seasons 3 and 4 in addition to measurements made near vibratory and impact pile driving.

The Season 3 measurements were made near a buoy located approximately 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) southwest of the project area to determine whether underwater sound generated by impact and vibratory pile driving exceeded relevant marine mammal thresholds. This data was also used to calculate the site specific attenuation factor from pile driving in Box 2.

The site specific attenuation factor of Box 1 was calculated from simultaneous hydroacoustic measurements conducted at three different distances during impact pile driving during Season 4. Two hydrophones were located at different depths approximately 33 feet (10 meters) from pile driving as required by the Project's LOA and additional hydrophones were located at mid-water depth approximately 220 feet (67 meters) and 340 feet (104 meters) from impact pile driving. Hydroacoustic data was also collected in Elliott Bay at multiple distances from vibratory pile driving and removal of concrete piles in Box 1 during Season 4.

Due to elevated sound level in Elliott Bay and contributions from sound sources not related to pile driving during far field measurements of vibratory pile driving during Seasons 3 and 4, the site specific attenuation factors were not able to be calculated from vibratory pile driving. However, the site specific attenuation factors were calculated from impact pile driving in Box 1 and Box 2 during Seasons 3 and 4.

The resulting attenuation factors from obstructed impact pile driving were calculated to be 19 for Box 2 and between 36 and 39 for Box 1. These attenuation factors suggest the sound pressure levels could be reduced by 6 dB per doubling of distance in Box 2 and 11 to 12 dB per doubling of distance in Box 1. Sound likely attenuates more rapidly beneath piers due to obstructions caused by piles supporting the pier than unobstructed acoustical paths found further away from shore. The attenuation factor in Box 1 was calculated using only obstructed data collected under Pier 62/63, whereas the attenuation factor calculated for Box 2 included obstructed data as well as the unobstructed acoustical path between the west side of the pier and buoy resulting in a composite of obstructed and unobstructed attenuation.

These site specific attenuation factors suggest that underwater sound produced by obstructed pile driving attenuates more rapidly than predicted by the practical spreading model currently used by WSDOT and NOAA.

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5.0 APPENDIX

5.1 Vibratory Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels

5.1.1 Steel Sheet Piles

	Frequency		Pe					IS		,	SE	•	
Pile ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg
	7 Hz-20 kHz	173	189	3	177	156	166	2	161	154	168	2	161
VIB-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	173	189	3	177	156	166	2	160	154	168	2	161
VID-I	150 Hz-20 kHz	173	189	3	177	156	166	2	160	154	168	2	161
	200 Hz-20 kHz	173	189	3	177	156	166	2	160	154	168	2	161
	7 Hz-20 kHz	173	186	3	179	149	165	3	162	146	165	2	162
	75 Hz-20 kHz	173	187	3	179	149	164	3	162	154	165	2	162
VIB-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	173	187	3	179	149	164	3	162	152	165	2	162
	200 Hz-20 kHz	173	187	3	179	148	164	3	162	151	165	2	162
	7 Hz-20 kHz	169	183	3	177	147	167	4	161	152	167	3	161
	75 Hz-20 kHz	168	183	3	176	146	167	4	160	150	167	3	161
VIB-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	167	183	3	176	146	167	4	160	150	167	3	161
	200 Hz-20 kHz	167	183	3	176	146	167	4	160	150	167	3	161
	7 Hz-20 kHz	165	177	3	173	145	165	4	160	148	166	3	160
VIB-4	75 Hz-20 kHz	162	176	3	170	142	161	4	155	148	162	3	155
VID-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	163	176	3	170	141	160	3	154	147	161	3	155
	200 Hz-20 kHz	164	176	3	170	141	160	3	154	147	161	3	154
	7 Hz-20 kHz	162	177	3	169	143	163	4	157	144	164	4	157
VIB-5	75 Hz-20 kHz	160	176	3	167	146	157	3	151	143	157	3	151
C-DIV	150 Hz-20 kHz	159	176	4	167	145	156	3	150	142	157	3	150
	200 Hz-20 kHz	158	176	4	167	144	156	3	150	142	157	3	150
	7 Hz-20 kHz	167	178	2	172	152	166	3	159	151	168	3	159
VIB-6	75 Hz-20 kHz	161	178	3	170	146	161	2	155	144	162	2	155
VID-0	150 Hz-20 kHz	161	178	3	170	144	161	2	154	143	162	3	154
	200 Hz-20 kHz	161	178	3	170	144	161	3	154	143	162	3	154
	7 Hz-20 kHz	165	177	3	171	149	167	4	162	154	168	3	162
	75 Hz-20 kHz	159	177	4	165	138	155	3	151	144	156	2	151
VIB-7	150 Hz-20 kHz	156	177	5	164	131	153	4	147	154	138	4	148
	200 Hz-20 kHz	156	177	5	164	130	153	5	147	137	154	4	148

Table 5.1 Season 1 – Box 10 Vibratory Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 μ Pa

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Pile ID	Frequency		Pe	ak			RM	IS		SEL				
Plie ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	151	192	6	171	134	172	6	154	135	174	6	155	
VIB-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	151	192	6	171	133	172	6	154	136	174	6	155	
VID-I	150 Hz-20 kHz	151	192	6	171	132	171	6	154	136	173	6	155	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	151	191	6	171	132	171	6	154	136	173	6	154	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	152	186	6	168	135	166	5	151	138	169	5	152	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	153	185	6	168	134	166	5	151	137	169	5	152	
VID-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	153	185	5	168	136	166	5	150	138	169	5	152	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	153	185	5	168	135	166	6	151	138	169	5	152	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	154	184	5	169	136	164	5	150	138	167	5	152	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	153	184	5	170	137	164	5	150	137	167	5	152	
VID-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	155	185	5	170	138	163	5	150	137	167	5	152	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	155	185	5	170	138	163	5	150	136	167	5	152	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	170	139	164	6	154	139	165	5	156	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	171	138	164	6	154	139	165	5	156	
VID-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	170	138	164	6	154	139	165	5	156	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	156	180	5	170	138	163	6	154	139	165	5	156	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	160	189	4	181	139	169	4	164	139	170	3	164	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	159	189	4	181	135	169	4	164	138	170	3	164	
VIB-2 VIB-3 VIB-4 VIB-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	159	190	4	181	135	169	4	164	138	170	3	164	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	159	190	4	181	135	169	4	164	138	170	3	164	

Table 5.2 Season 1 – Box 4 Vibratory Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

Note: Sound levels normalized to 33 feet (10 meters)

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Pile ID	Frequency		Ре	ak			R	IS		SEL				
Plie ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	171	190	5	181	155	169	4	163	148	169	4	164	
VIB-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	171	190	4	181	155	169	4	163	147	169	4	164	
VID-I	150 Hz-20 kHz	170	190	4	181	155	168	4	163	147	169	4	163	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	171	190	4	181	155	168	4	163	147	168	4	163	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	166	182	4	174	144	164	3	156	148	166	3	157	
VIB-2	75 Hz-20 kHz	166	182	4	173	144	164	4	156	146	165	3	156	
VIB-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	166	182	4	173	143	163	4	156	146	164	3	156	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	166	182	4	173	143	163	4	155	146	164	3	156	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	177	185	2	182	159	168	2	166	153	168	2	166	
VIB-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	177	185	2	182	159	168	2	165	153	168	2	166	
VID-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	176	185	2	182	159	168	2	165	150	168	3	165	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	175	185	2	182	158	168	2	165	150	168	3	165	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	180	195	3	186	163	174	2	168	146	175	3	168	
VIB-4	75 Hz-20 kHz	180	194	3	186	163	174	2	168	146	175	3	168	
VID-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	181	193	3	186	163	174	2	168	146	175	3	168	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	180	193	3	186	163	174	2	168	146	175	3	168	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	166	190	3	183	142	171	3	167	149	172	3	167	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	167	190	3	183	142	171	4	167	149	172	3	167	
VIB-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	167	190	3	183	142	171	3	167	149	172	3	167	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	167	190	3	183	142	171	3	167	148	172	3	167	

Table 5.3 Season 2 - Vibratory Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 μ Pa

Pile ID	Frequency		Ре	ak			R	IS		SEL			
File ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg
				Já	anuary	14, 20	16						
	7 Hz-20 kHz	169	182	2	176	150	161	2	157	147	163	2	157
VIB-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	169	182	3	176	150	161	2	156	147	163	2	156
VID-I	150 Hz-20 kHz	169	182	3	176	150	161	2	156	146	163	2	156
	200 Hz-20 kHz	169	182	3	176	150	161	2	156	146	163	2	156
				Já	anuary	15, 20	16						
	7 Hz-20 kHz	173	190	4	181	148	166	4	160	148	172	2	161
VIB-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	174	190	4	181	147	166	4	159	147	172	3	160
VID-I	150 Hz-20 kHz	174	190	4	181	147	166	4	159	146	172	3	160
	200 Hz-20 kHz	174	190	4	181	147	166	4	159	143	172	3	160
	7 Hz-20 kHz	175	186	2	182	153	168	2	164	150	168	2	164
	75 Hz-20 kHz	175	185	2	181	151	166	3	162	146	167	2	162
VIB-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	175	185	2	181	150	166	3	162	146	167	2	162
	200 Hz-20 kHz	175	185	2	181	150	166	3	162	146	167	2	162
	7 Hz-20 kHz	165	183	4	175	147	167	4	158	149	167	4	159
	75 Hz-20 kHz	165	183	4	174	143	163	4	156	145	164	4	157
VIB-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	166	183	4	174	143	163	4	156	145	164	4	157
	200 Hz-20 kHz	166	183	4	174	143	163	4	156	145	164	4	157
	7 Hz-20 kHz	166	188	2	175	141	167	2	161	147	167	2	161
	75 Hz-20 kHz	167	187	3	174	145	162	3	155	146	163	3	156
VIB-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	166	185	3	174	145	162	3	155	146	163	3	156
	200 Hz-20 kHz	166	184	3	174	145	162	3	155	146	163	3	156
	7 Hz-20 kHz	166	174	2	171	144	164	4	157	148	164	3	158
	75 Hz-20 kHz	165	174	2	169	143	157	3	153	145	159	2	153
VIB-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	165	174	2	169	143	157	3	153	145	159	2	153
	200 Hz-20 kHz	165	173	2	169	143	157	3	153	145	159	2	153

Table 5.4 Season 3 - Vibratory Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

Note: Underwater sound levels were measured 32 to 38 feet (10 to 12 meters) from the piles.

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Pile ID	Frequency		Pe	ak			RI	IS		SEL				
Plie ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	169	135	161	5	153	135	162	4	154	
VIB-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	169	135	161	5	153	135	162	4	154	
VID-I	150 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	169	135	161	5	153	135	162	4	154	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	5	169	135	161	5	153	135	162	4	154	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	151	174	5	164	135	155	5	148	133	155	5	148	
VIB-2	75 Hz-20 kHz	151	174	5	163	134	153	5	147	127	155	5	147	
VID-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	150	174	5	163	134	153	5	147	127	155	5	147	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	150	174	5	163	134	153	5	147	127	155	5	147	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	154	174	3	166	129	159	4	151	139	159	3	152	
VIB-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	153	174	3	165	126	155	4	149	127	157	3	150	
VID-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	153	174	3	165	126	155	4	149	127	157	3	149	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	153	174	3	165	126	155	4	149	127	157	3	149	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	154	170	4	164	131	154	5	148	137	156	3	149	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	154	170	4	164	130	154	5	148	133	156	3	148	
VIB-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	154	170	4	164	130	154	5	147	133	156	3	148	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	154	171	4	164	130	154	5	147	133	156	3	148	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	4	170	137	159	3	153	137	161	3	153	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	154	180	4	170	137	158	3	152	135	161	3	153	
VIB-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	155	180	4	170	137	158	3	152	135	161	3	153	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	154	179	4	170	137	158	3	152	135	161	3	153	

Table 5.5 Season 4 - Vibratory Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

Note: Underwater sound levels were measured 37 to 39 feet (11.3 to 11.9 meters) from the piles.

5.1.2 Concrete Pile Removal

Pile ID	Frequency		Pe	ak			RI	IS		SEL				
Plie ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	147	162	3	154	122	149	3	143	127	151	2	144	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	144	162	3	152	119	141	3	134	123	143	2	135	
REM-1	150 Hz-20 kHz	144	158	3	151	119	141	3	134	123	143	2	135	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	143	161	3	151	118	140	3	134	122	142	2	135	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	147	161	3	156	124	154	4	147	121	155	3	147	
REM-2	75 Hz-20 kHz	143	161	4	152	119	139	2	133	119	140	2	133	
REIVI-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	144	161	4	151	118	138	3	133	119	140	2	133	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	143	161	4	151	118	138	3	132	119	139	2	133	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	142	164	4	155	126	154	4	145	123	155	3	145	
REM-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	141	164	5	152	116	141	5	135	115	144	3	133	
REIVI-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	138	164	5	151	115	141	4	132	114	143	4	132	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	138	164	5	151	115	141	4	132	121	153	4	135	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	146	161	3	151	117	149	3	140	133	153	3	141	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	142	159	4	148	119	132	2	130	123	135	2	130	
REM-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	142	159	4	148	118	131	3	129	119	134	3	130	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	142	159	4	148	118	131	3	129	119	134	3	129	
	7 Hz-20 kHz	153	168	3	157	139	150	3	147	137	151	2	147	
	75 Hz-20 kHz	147	168	5	153	130	139	2	135	128	141	2	135	
REM-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	146	165	4	152	128	139	2	135	125	141	2	135	
	200 Hz-20 kHz	146	165	4	152	128	139	2	135	124	141	2	135	

Table 5.6 Season 4 - Vibratory Pile Removal Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 μ Pa

Note: Underwater sound levels were measured 35 to 40 feet (11 to 12 meters) from the piles.

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5.2 Impact Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels

5.2.1 Concrete Piles

Table 5.7 Season 1	– Box 10 Impact Pil	e Driving Underwater	Sound Levels	dB re [.] 1 uPa
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Pile	Frequency			ak				S ₉₀		,	SE			-051
ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	cSEL
	7 Hz-20 kHz	174	190	3	185	162	179	3	172	154	164	2	161	190
IMP-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	173	187	2	182	165	178	3	174	149	161	2	158	187
	150 Hz-20 kHz	174	187	3	182	164	177	3	173	149	160	2	157	186
	200 Hz-20 kHz	172	187	3	182	162	177	3	173	146	160	2	156	185
	7 Hz-20 kHz	180	193	2	189	165	182	2	176	157	170	1	164	193
IMP-2	75 Hz-20 kHz	180	192	2	188	170	184	2	178	154	166	2	161	192
IIVIP-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	180	191	2	187	168	184	2	178	153	166	2	161	192
	200 Hz-20 kHz	180	192	2	187	168	183	2	177	153	166	2	160	193
	7 Hz-20 kHz	175	202	5	194	160	189	5	181	151	172	3	167	200
IMP-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	174	202	5	193	164	189	4	183	148	172	4	167	200
1111-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	174	202	6	193	164	189	4	183	148	172	4	167	200
	200 Hz-20 kHz	174	202	6	193	164	189	4	183	147	172	4	166	200
	7 Hz-20 kHz	187	199	3	192	173	188	3	178	162	171	2	166	197
IMP-4	75 Hz-20 kHz	188	199	3	192	177	188	2	182	161	171	2	165	197
IIVIP-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	187	199	3	192	177	188	2	182	161	171	2	165	197
	200 Hz-20 kHz	187	199	3	192	177	188	2	182	160	171	2	165	198
	7 Hz-20 kHz	164	190	4	185	141	183	4	179	134	172	4	168	200
IMP-5	75 Hz-20 kHz	164	189	3	174	145	173	3	161	131	160	3	153	188
IIVIP-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	164	187	3	172	145	181	2	156	131	158	2	147	186
	200 Hz-20 kHz	164	187	3	172	145	180	3	155	131	158	3	146	186

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Pile	Frequency		Pe					S ₉₀			•	EL		cSEL
ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	COEL
	7 Hz-20 kHz	165	193	4	181	155	179	4	170	147	163	2	158	188
IMP-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	164	193	5	181	154	179	4	169	139	163	3	155	188
	150 Hz-20 kHz	164	193	5	181	154	179	4	170	139	162	3	154	188
	200 Hz-20 kHz	164	193	5	181	154	179	4	170	139	162	3	154	188
	7 Hz-20 kHz	169	187	3	181	158	173	2	168	147	163	3	158	189
	75 Hz-20 kHz	170	186	3	181	159	176	3	170	145	161	2	156	188
IMP-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	168	185	3	180	158	176	3	170	143	160	2	155	187
	200 Hz-20 kHz	167	185	3	180	157	176	3	170	142	160	2	154	187
	7 Hz-20 kHz	171	190	3	180	156	175	3	168	147	163	3	158	189
	75 Hz-20 kHz	171	189	3	180	158	176	3	169	145	162	3	155	189
IMP-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	170	187	3	179	159	176	3	169	144	161	3	154	188
	200 Hz-20 kHz	170	187	3	179	159	175	3	168	144	160	3	154	187
	7 Hz-20 kHz	165	191	2	177	152	180	3	166	140	165	3	157	191
	75 Hz-20 kHz	164	190	2	177	152	180	2	167	140	165	2	152	191
IMP-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	163	189	2	177	153	180	2	167	139	165	2	152	191
	200 Hz-20 kHz	164	189	2	177	153	180	2	167	139	165	2	152	191
	7 Hz-20 kHz	145	179	4	170	132	172	7	163	124	163	6	155	180
	75 Hz-20 kHz	143	178	3	169	127	167	3	159	119	153	2	145	179
IMP-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	143	178	3	168	126	167	3	159	118	153	2	145	179
	200 Hz-20 kHz	143	178	3	168	126	167	3	159	117	153	2	144	179
	7 Hz-20 kHz	141	179	6	169	133	175	8	162	125	165	7	156	191
	75 Hz-20 kHz	146	167	3	160	132	151	3	146	123	142	3	137	167
IMP-6	150 Hz-20 kHz	147	166	3	160	132	153	3	145	123	139	2	134	164
	200 Hz-20 kHz	147	166	3	159	131	154	4	145	123	139	2	134	165

Table 5.8 Season 1 – Box 4 Impact Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

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5.2.2 Steel Sheet Piles

Pile	Frequency		Ре	ak			RM	S ₉₀		SEL				cSEL
ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	COEL
	7 Hz-20 kHz	175	200	5	192	163	186	5	180	150	172	4	166	190
IMP-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	175	200	5	192	162	186	5	180	150	172	4	166	190
IIVIP-1	150 Hz-20 kHz	175	200	5	192	162	186	5	180	150	172	4	166	190
	200 Hz-20 kHz	175	200	5	192	162	186	5	180	150	172	5	166	190
	7 Hz-20 kHz	189	204	1	198	176	189	1	185	162	173	1	170	198
IMP-2	75 Hz-20 kHz	189	203	1	198	175	189	1	185	164	173	1	170	198
IIVIP-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	189	203	1	198	175	189	1	185	162	173	1	169	198
	200 Hz-20 kHz	189	203	1	198	173	189	1	185	162	173	1	169	198
	7 Hz-20 kHz	189	204	2	198	174	189	1	185	162	173	1	170	202
IMP-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	189	204	2	198	174	189	1	185	162	173	1	170	202
IIVIF-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	189	204	2	198	174	189	1	185	162	173	1	170	202
	200 Hz-20 kHz	189	204	2	198	174	189	1	185	162	173	1	170	202
	7 Hz-20 kHz	191	202	1	197	178	187	1	184	165	172	1	169	199
	75 Hz-20 kHz	191	202	1	197	179	187	1	184	164	172	1	169	198
IMP-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	192	202	1	197	179	187	1	184	164	172	1	169	198
	200 Hz-20 kHz	192	202	1	197	179	187	1	184	164	172	1	169	198
	7 Hz-20 kHz	190	204	1	197	177	188	1	184	163	173	1	170	201
IMP-5	75 Hz-20 kHz	190	203	1	197	177	188	1	184	165	173	1	170	201
IIVIP-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	191	202	1	197	177	188	1	184	163	173	1	170	201
	200 Hz-20 kHz	190	203	1	197	177	188	1	184	163	173	1	170	201

Table 5.9 Season 2 - Impact Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 μ Pa

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Pile	Frequency		Pe	ak			RM	S ₉₀			cSEL			
ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	CSEL
	7 Hz-20 kHz	189	199	2	193	175	183	1	179	161	168	1	165	188
IMP-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	189	199	2	193	175	183	1	179	161	168	1	165	188
IIVIP-1	150 Hz-20 kHz	189	199	2	193	175	183	1	179	161	168	1	165	188
	200 Hz-20 kHz	189	199	2	193	175	183	1	179	161	168	1	165	188
	7 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	2	190	175	181	1	177	161	167	1	164	180
IMP-2	75 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	2	190	175	181	1	177	161	167	1	164	180
IIVIP-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	2	190	175	181	1	177	161	167	1	164	180
	200 Hz-20 kHz	187	195	2	190	175	181	1	177	161	167	1	164	180
	7 Hz-20 kHz	186	192	2	190	175	180	2	177	162	166	1	164	173
IMP-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	186	192	2	190	175	180	2	177	162	166	1	164	173
IIVIP-3	150 Hz-20 kHz	186	192	2	190	175	180	2	177	162	166	1	164	173
	200 Hz-20 kHz	187	192	2	190	175	180	2	177	162	166	1	164	173
	7 Hz-20 kHz	182	193	2	190	169	178	1	177	156	164	1	163	180
	75 Hz-20 kHz	182	193	2	190	170	178	1	177	156	164	1	163	180
IMP-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	181	193	2	190	170	178	1	177	156	164	1	163	180
	200 Hz-20 kHz	181	193	2	190	170	178	1	177	156	164	1	163	180
	7 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	2	191	176	182	2	178	162	167	1	165	180
IMP-5	75 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	2	191	176	182	2	178	162	167	1	165	180
G-HIVI	150 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	1	191	176	182	2	178	162	167	1	165	180
	200 Hz-20 kHz	187	194	2	191	182	176	2	178	162	167	1	165	180

Table 5.10 Season 3 - Impact Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

Note: Sound levels normalized to 33 feet (10 meters)

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Pile	Frequency		Pe	ak			RM	S ₉₀		•		cSEL		
ID	Range	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	Min	Max	SD	Avg	COEL
	7 Hz-20 kHz	174	189	3	184	160	176	3	171	147	162	2	157	177
IMP-1	75 Hz-20 kHz	174	189	3	184	160	176	3	171	147	162	2	157	177
11111-1	150 Hz-20 kHz	175	189	3	184	160	176	3	171	147	162	2	157	177
	200 Hz-20 kHz	175	189	3	184	160	176	3	171	147	162	2	157	177
	7 Hz-20 kHz	182	191	1	187	166	179	1	175	155	164	1	161	182
	75 Hz-20 kHz	182	191	1	187	170	179	1	175	155	164	1	161	182
IMP-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	182	191	1	187	170	179	1	175	155	164	1	161	182
	200 Hz-20 kHz	182	191	1	187	170	179	1	175	155	164	1	161	182
	7 Hz-20 kHz	184	197	2	192	169	182	1	179	157	167	1	164	187
IMP-3	75 Hz-20 kHz	184	197	2	192	171	182	1	179	157	167	1	164	187
11112-2	150 Hz-20 kHz	184	197	2	192	171	182	1	179	157	167	1	164	187
	200 Hz-20 kHz	183	197	2	192	171	182	1	179	157	167	1	164	187
	7 Hz-20 kHz	183	199	2	194	168	185	2	182	156	170	2	167	188
	75 Hz-20 kHz	183	199	2	194	171	186	2	182	156	170	2	167	188
IMP-4	150 Hz-20 kHz	183	199	2	194	171	186	2	182	156	170	2	167	188
	200 Hz-20 kHz	183	199	2	194	171	186	2	182	156	170	2	167	188
	7 Hz-20 kHz	180	198	2	194	166	183	2	181	151	168	2	166	188
IMP-5	75 Hz-20 kHz	180	198	2	194	166	183	2	181	151	168	2	166	188
IIVIP-5	150 Hz-20 kHz	180	198	2	194	166	183	2	181	151	168	2	166	188
	200 Hz-20 kHz	180	198	2	194	166	183	2	181	151	168	2	166	188

Table 5.11 Season 4 - Impact Pile Driving Underwater Sound Levels, dB re: 1 µPa

Note: Underwater sound levels were measured 32 to 40 feet (10 to 12 meters) from the piles.