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The steep slope across Marine Drive from the logyard (known herein as Terminals 5 6 & 7 Upland Site) is extremely wet. I just walked it three weeks ago and up on the slopes there are seeps that may be groundwater, may be surface water from the houses upslope and could be leakage from City water or sewer lines that run down to a bricked-in structure at the corner of Hill and Marine. Gravity would carry those waters into the soils of the study area, so it might be wise to test your way up hill.

Also, there's a concrete structure (size of a house foundation) on the hillside, very near Hill and Marine intersection. I would guess you'll need to characterize that as a potential point source, depending what its history is.

The archaeological concerns out on the fill and at the spot where the fill and original shoreline meet, are going to be tricky, so just relax and listen.

I walk the beaches of the Hook daily. Last year, I found small chunks of obsidian on the beach of the inside of the Hook that at least one (very) experienced Peninsula archaeologist says likely is not just chaff from the fill dumped on the Hook over the decades. Rather, it's more likely something from human/native use, possibly Kuril Island obsidian trail origin. Big surprise to me.

My point is, the sheltered shoreline behind the hook got heavy use by the various peoples who were here first. It would be stupid to ignore the archaeological opportunities and the cultural concerns about what's buried. It would be good to make our grandchildren proud of how we handled this.