Notice of Public Meeting

Pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. §480-D, sub-§9 the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Phippsburg Library, 28 Parker Head Rd.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and comments from the public on a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge approximately 70,000 cu. yards of sandy sediment from two locations in the Kennebec River, in the area of Doubling Point, and in the area of Popham Beach this coming summer. Both of these locations are within the federal navigational channel and have been previously dredged. The sediments would be disposed of in the river north of Bluff Head in about 95-100 feet of water, and 0.4 nautical miles south of Jackknife Ledge in about 40-50 feet of water, sites previously used. Similar public meetings were held in 1997 and in 2000.

For further information contact Brian Swan, DMR at 624-6573.
Dear Doyle (Shellfish Director) - Why dredge in summer (best time)? Jackknife ledge is productive for lobster
- Need to get ship out; 2-3 weeks at any loc; 98% said

- Time to reg to issue contract is already compressed to make Aug.

Lisa Percy: What about other fish species;
Sport fishing goes in 1st of summer; concern that comm. shellfishermen get no breaks

Seth Goddall (St. Senator): Is the Corps writing ASAP
to try to dredge earlier
- Process/contract is compressed to make it in Augusta
- Funding is still an issue (50% funded)

Bob Greenwood (Shellfish Conservation Committee) -
Better planning is in order to avoid summer dredge

Dr. Kelly: Consider other disposal options; Brought up issues of BIW's last dredge; silt deposits on her shoreline; Notes impacts to summer tourism (Light time dumping is loud!); Regulatory Approvals: Class SA - says no dredge disposals; Concern of disposal of 50 x 49 and volume
Mike Young: Any provision for loss for shellfishermen

Percy: Disposal other than in the river?
Least cost limitations (upland & Teekraine costs more)
HGS still recommends keeping sand in river system
Case example of simplex shoal: out of sys = faster shoaling

Dot Kelly: Any consideration to side casting mat'd
Likely result in faster shoaling
Using hopper dredge (hydraulically suck up mat'd & then dispose)

Percy: to S. Goodell: could you work w/ Snow & Conligs to create financial safety net

Kingsbury: Feel like we're not being heard; No compromise, want to be interested person
Percy: Can you include Phipps Basin Area
(me): Explained Procedural Rules (interested party rights/role)

Dot Kelly: Maybe over dredging isn't approp.
Historically over dredging is shown to extend intervals between dredging
What about HGA class
(me) I'll get comments
Interested Party

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