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 Digester) - Why dredge in summer (best time)? Jack knife ledge is productive for lobsters.
- Need to get ship out: 2-3 weeks at any late; 98% said

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

Tom Percy: What about other fish species;
Sport fishing ops is hit of summer; concern that commun. shellfishermen get no breaks

Seth Ladell (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 (90% funded)

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

Dot Kelly: Consider other disposal options; Brought up issues of BFW's last dredge; silt deposits on her shoreline; noted impacts to summer tourism (night time dumping is loud!); Regulatory Approvals; Class 5A - says no dredge disposals; concern for disposal of 50,000 cy and volume
Mike Young: Any provision for loss for shellfishermen?

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

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

- Percy: to S. Goodell: could you work up 2 new classes to create financial safety net

- Kingsbury: Feel like we’re not being heard; No compromise, want to be interested person
- Percy: Can you include Flippers, & Oko Minn.

(-me): Explained Procedural Rules (interested party rights/respect)

- Dot Kelly: Maybe over dredging isn’t appropriate
  - Historically over dredging is shown to extend intervals between dredging
  - What about 21st class
  - (me) I’ll get comments
Interested Party

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