

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 (^{Commercial} Shellfish Digger) - Why dredge in summer (best time)? Jackknife Ledge is productive for Lobster

- Need to get ship out; 2-3 wks at any loc.; 98% said
- Ruth Kingsbury: Ans Q. why Aug, why not earlier
 - Timing (reg'ts to issue contract is already compressed to make Aug.
- Lila Percy: What about ~~other~~ other fish species; Sport fishing ops in ht. of summer; Concern that comm. shellfishermen get no breaks
- Seth Gardall (St. Senator): Is the Corps willing ASAP to try to dredge earlier
 - Process/Contract is compressed to make it in August
 - Funding is still an issue (50% funded)
- Bob Cummings: (Shellfish Conservation Committee) - Better planing is in order to avoid summer dredge
- Dot Kelly: Consider other disposal options; Brought up issues of BIW'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 w/ disposal of 50K cy and volume

Get comment from Phipps

Mike Young: Any provision for loss for shellfishermen

- Percy: Disposal other than in the river?
 - Least cost limitations (upland & Jackknife costs more)
 - MGS still recommends keeping sand in River system
 - Gave example of Simplex Shoals: out of sys = faster shoaling
- Dot Kelly: Any consideration to side casting mat'l?
 - Likely result in faster shoaling
 - Using hopper dredge (hydraulically suck up mat'l & then dispose)
- Percy: to S. Goodall: could you work w/ Snow & Collins to create financial safety net
- Kingsbury: Feel like we're not being heard; No compromise, want to be interested party
 - Percy: Can you include Phipps Town Man
 - (me): Explained Procedural Rules (interested party rights/respons.)
- Dot Kelly: Maybe overdredging isn't approp.
 - Historically over dredging is shown to extend intervals between dredging
 - What about IWA Class
 - (me) I'll get comments

Interested Party

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