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Division of Parks & Public Lands

FROM: Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

Subject: REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW,

PROJECT: Applicant: Town of Camden  
Location: Camden Inner Harbor  
Type of Project: Dredging

The above proposed project has been carefully reviewed and considered by DMR personnel. The following are DMR's Comments:

DMR understands that the applicant is proposing to dredge approximately 2,000 cu. yds. of primarily fine sand and silt from three areas of sub-tidal, submerged lands, totaling approximately 21,600 sq. ft. (12,000 sq. ft. in the area of the town landing floats near the outlet of the Megunticook River; 1,600 sq. ft. at the Bayview St. stormwater outfall near the Waterfront Restaurant; and 8,000 sq. ft. at the Camden Yacht Club). This would provide ~ 10 ft. of water at Mean Low Water (MLW). Currently the water depth at its shallowest point in all three areas is approximately - 5 ft. MLW. Dredge spoils disposal would be at an upland location (the town cemetery). Dredging near the outlet of the river was previously done by the town in 1998 with upland disposal (commented on by DMR December, 1997 to the Dept. of Conservation). Disposal of spoils from that project was at an upland location. Areas currently proposed to be dredged were last dredged in 2003 with spoils disposal at the Rockland Ocean Disposal Site (commented on by DMR October, 2002 to the DEP and the Dept. of Conservation).

DMR conducted a public meeting in Camden on June 7, 2001 in order to gather information and hear concerns from the public on a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct maintenance dredging of the federal navigational channel and anchorage areas in Camden Harbor adjacent to the proposed project areas. No significant concerns were raised at that meeting.

DMR recommends that dredging be done between November 1 and April 15 in order to minimize potential adverse impacts to migrating diadromous fish, fishing activity at the outlet of the Megunticook River, and to boating activity in the inner harbor.<sup>1</sup>

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Brian M. Swan  
DMR Environmental Coordinator  
Date: December 18, 2012

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<sup>1</sup> DMR granted Approval of Timing of Activity to the applicant under the NRPA Permit-by-Rule program on September 28, 2012.