To: Rives Potts[rpotts@byy.com]; Spalding, Curt[Spalding.Curt@epa.gov]
Cc: Ned Ahlborn[nahlborn@byy.com]; James Phyfe[jphyfe@byy.com]; Jack Brewer[jack@byy.com]; Jim Brown[jbrown@byy.com]; Matt Marshall[mmarshall@byy.com]
From: Doug Domenie
Sent: Sat 11/5/2016 11:59:49 AM
Subject: RE: EPA Establishes Eastern Long Island Sound Site for Disposal of Dredged Sediment

Great news – how long before NYS initiates their suit.

From: Rives Potts
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 8:11 PM
To: 'Spalding.Curt@epa.gov'
Cc: Ned Ahlborn; Doug Domenie; James Phyfe; Jack Brewer
Subject: FW: EPA Establishes Eastern Long Island Sound Site for Disposal of Dredged Sediment

Curt,

Thanks to you and your team at EPA for all the hard work you put into this effort to allow access to the Eastern Long Island Site for the relocation of dredged sediment.

This will enable the waters of eastern CT to be maintained properly and at a reasonable cost for recreational activities and for commercial and military maritime operations.

All of us who enjoy the waters of Long Island Sound for recreation, and for making a living, applaud this decision. We will do our part to ensure the waters are kept clean as we will abide by the CT Clean Marina best practices. We believe that by doing so, we will protect the wonderful and very special marine environment in our part of the world.

All the best,

Rives

Rives Potts

President

Brewer Yacht Yards

P – (860) 399-7906

C – (860) 227-7005

F – (860) 399-7259

Discover New England - a boater's paradise - the Brewer way.
Oxford, MD·MAMARONECK, NY·GLEN COVE, NY·GREENPORT, NY
PORT WASHINGTON, NY·STAMFORD, CT·STRATFORD, CT
BRANFORD, CT·WESTBROOK, CT·DEEP RIVER, CT ESSEX, CT·MYSTIC, CT
Old Saybrook, CT· WICKFORD, RI·WARWICK, RI·BARRINGTON, RI
PORTSMOUTH, RI·N.FALMOUTH, MA·PLYMOUTH, MA· Salem, MA·S. FREEPORT, ME

AFFILIATES: BREWER YACHT SALES· BREWER SPECIAL PRODUCTS·WEB SITE: WWW.BYY.COM

From: Grimaldi, Alicia [mailto:Grimaldi.Alicia@epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** ELIS
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 6:22 PM
Subject: EPA Establishes Eastern Long Island Sound Site for Disposal of Dredged Sediment

The U.S. EPA has issued a final rule to designate the Eastern Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Site to receive dredged sediment from ports and harbors in Connecticut and New York that has passed stringent testing requirements and for which practicable alternatives are not available. The Eastern Long Island Sound Disposal Site (ELDS) is located immediately to the west of the current New London Disposal Site, entirely in Connecticut state waters. The existing New London Disposal Site will be closing on Dec. 23, 2016.

"EPA's decision to establish the Eastern Long Island Sound Disposal Site incorporates protections and restrictions on use similar to those established for the Central and Western Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites earlier this year," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA's New England office. "Our decision is based on sound science, reflects extensive public input, and strikes an appropriate balance between the need for dredging to maintain safe navigation and protecting the significant natural resources of Long Island Sound. The site protections and restrictions we included in the final rule are intended to help meet the goal of reducing or eliminating dredged material disposal in the open waters of Long Island Sound."

EPA has engaged in a lengthy process to establish the ELDS and two other sites in Long Island Sound for disposal of dredged material found suitable for open-water disposal, and the final designation benefitted from the significant input from state and local agencies, as well as from the general public. In response to public input, EPA's final action reduces the overall number of disposal sites from four to three, reduces the

footprint of the ELDS from the original proposal, and protects ecologically-sensitive areas with active fisheries.

The final rule designating the ELDS includes standards for disposal and also includes procedures to promote the development and use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal of dredged sediment. In order to achieve the second goal, the rule establishes a standing, interagency “Steering Committee” and “Regional Dredging Team” for Long Island Sound. These groups will be comprised of federal and state agency representatives who will work together to identify, develop, and promote the use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal of dredged material, such as identifying beneficial uses for all types of dredged material. They will also review dredging projects and offer recommendations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and private dredging entities regarding how the dredged material from such projects should be handled.

EPA’s decision is also based on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for this activity, which was developed under authority of the National Environmental Policy Act. EPA’s designation of dredged sediment disposal sites does not actually authorize any specific dredging disposal project, which would still have to obtain a project-specific authorization from the US Army Corps of Engineers and satisfy the stringent requirements of the ocean disposal regulations.

More information on the establishment of Eastern Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Site: http://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/dredged-material-management-long-island-sound

Alicia Grimaldi

Ocean & Coastal Protection

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

5 Post Office Square, Suite 100

Mail Code: OEP06-01

Boston, MA 02109

Tel: (617)918-1806

Fax: (617)918-0806