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Town of Falmouth seeks Corps permit to dredge areas in Falmouth and use the material for beach nourishment

CONCORD, Mass. – The Town of Falmouth is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with dredging areas and using material for beach nourishment in Falmouth, Mass.

The Town of Falmouth proposes to dredge a number of areas totaling approximately 418,375 square feet to various depths depending on the specific location in Falmouth. The total volume is approximately 26,600 cubic yards and would be produced over the next 10 years.

The Town of Falmouth proposes to both mechanically dredge and hydraulically dredge this material and use it for beach nourishment projects totaling about 457,185 square feet among various beaches.

Based on a suitability determination the grain size of the dredged material is similar to the substrate found at the nourishment sites. Therefore, the dredged material is determined to be suitable for beach nourishment.

The dredging project will impact approximately 9.6 acres of Essential Fish Habitat for various species and life stages. This habitat consists of sandy subtidal substrate and shoaled areas within boating channels. However, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final permit decision.

The application for the federal permit was filed by the Town of Falmouth with the Corps in compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the United States and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in United States waters, including wetlands.

The public notice, with more detailed information, can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory and then public notices or go directly to <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/>.

Public comments on this permit request and proposed work by the Town of Falmouth (file # NAE-2010-145) should be forwarded no later than June 8, 2012 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: John Sargent), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager John Sargent at 978-318-8026 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: john.c.sargent@usace.army.mil.

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