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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: MAINTENANCE DREDGING SACO RIVER FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) SACO, MAINE

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans under 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to conduct maintenance dredging in the Saco River proposed by the City of Saco. The proposed dredging will be conducted within both the USACE maintained Saco River Federal Navigation Project (FNP) West Camp Ellis Anchorage and the 3:1 FNP offset. The direct impact to the FNP is the maintenance dredging of approximately 7,250 cubic yards of material from an area of approximately 139,711 square feet to a depth of -6 feet mean lower low water with a 1 foot overdredge. The direct impact to the FNP offset is the maintenance dredging of approximately 759 cubic yards of material from an area of approximately 10,515 square feet to a depth of -6 feet mean lower low water with a 1 foot overdredge. The material will be transported to Camp Ellis Beach from the dredge site via high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipeline.

This Notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220. Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE civil works project if it is determined that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Federal project. USACE has made the preliminary determination that maintenance dredging within the FNP and FNP offset will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Saco River FNP. The public is invited to provide comment associated with this Section 408 evaluation. To request more information contact: Christina Comeau, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8705, Christina.M.Comeau@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on February 6, 2026. Letters should be postmarked by this date.