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**PUBLIC NOTICE: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MAINTENANCE DREDGING PROJECT; FEDERAL CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION; HAUL ROUTE**

Please take notice that United States Army Corps of Engineers (“ACOE”) is proposing maintenance dredging of shoaled portions of the 8-foot entrance channel of the Wells Harbor federal navigation project in Wells, Maine. The ACOE proposes to dredge approximately 5,000 cubic yards of sandy sediment to remediate shoaling conditions and to place the sandy sediment at a nearshore site off Wells Beach, approximately one mile southward of the entrance channel. This project will occur in August 2014 and the estimated duration is two to five days. The ACOE proposes the following haul route for dredged materials: transit from the dredge area southward parallel to the shore approximately one mile and place the material at a nearshore site off Wells Beach, in an area approximately 2000 feet long by 50 feet wide.

The ACOE has submitted to the State its determination that the proposed dredging project will be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable enforceable policies of the Maine Coastal Program, including pertinent standards under the Natural Resources Protection Act (38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A through 480-Z) and state water quality laws (“consistency determination”). The Department of Environmental Protection’s (“DEP”) review of the ACOE’s submission will constitute the State’s consistency review pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §1456.

The ACOE’s submission will be filed for public inspection at DEP’s office in Portland, Maine, during normal working hours. A copy of the submission may also be seen at the municipal offices in Town of Wells, Maine. Written public comments regarding the ACOE’s consistency determination may be sent on or before August 5, 2014 to: Robert Green, Department of Environmental Protection, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103.

For further information regarding the proposed dredging of the Wells Harbor federal navigation project, please contact: Jack Karalius, ACOE Project Manager, 696 Virginia Rd. Concord, MA 01742-2751; telephone: 1-978-318-8288.