

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

30 DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

RIDEM File Number: **DP -20- 177; WQC 20 - 064**

Date: **April 22, 2020**

This office has under consideration the application request of: **United States Army Corps of Engineers, New England District** for a State of Rhode Island Dredge Permit, that includes a State of Rhode Island Water Quality Certification in accordance with the *Rules and Regulations for Dredging and the Management of Dredge Materials* and the *State Water Quality Regulations*. The applicant proposes maintenance dredging of the Block Island Harbor of Refuge Federal Navigation Project (FNP) on Block Island, Rhode Island and is authorized in accordance with Title 33, Parts 335-338 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The proposed work involves maintenance dredging of approximately 48,000 cubic yards (CY) of silt and fine-grained sand from approximately 6 acres of the authorized project area and will restore the inner harbor portion of the FNP to authorized dimensions. Approximately 31,000 CY of sand material is proposed for placement at the previously used, nearshore placement site off of Crescent Beach. The remaining silty material (approximately 17,000 CY) will be placed at the Rhode Island Sound Disposal Site (RISDS).

Project Location: **Block Island Harbor of Refuge**

City/Town: **New Shoreham**

**Comments invited:** The purpose of this NOTICE is to inform all landowners of properties adjoining the site of proposed activities and other interested individuals or agencies of the proposal and to provide for a period of thirty (30) days within which to provide comments or objections. The NOTICE period for this application ends at 4:00 p.m. on **May 22, 2020**. Comments should be addressed to:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Customer & Technical Assistance  
Attention: Ronald Gagnon, P.E., Administrator  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908  
Tel: 401-222-6822, Ext. 7500

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the R.I.G.L.) you may request a hearing on the matter. If you desire to request a hearing, your request must be submitted in writing and be received by this office on or before the NOTICE deadline above. If DEM concludes that a hearing is required or otherwise appropriate, you will be notified of the time, location, and nature of such hearing once it is scheduled.

**Additional Information:** Any questions related to this NOTICE should be directed to Ronald Gagnon in DEM's Office of Customer and Technical Assistance at (401) 222-6820, Ext. 7500. Documents related to this notice may be reviewed at this office by appointment by calling 401-222-6820, Ext.7307.