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New York District

## Shoal Harbor and Compton Creek, NJ

### Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance of Infrastructure and Stewardship

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**FACT SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** Monitoring and environmental coordination continue for possible future maintenance dredging.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Shoal Harbor and Compton Creek Federal Navigation Project is authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1935 and modified in 1945 and 1954. The existing project consists of the following channels:

A: A channel 12 feet deep at MLW, extending from deep water in Sandy Hook Bay to the first bend in Compton Creek with a width of 150 feet in the bay and 75 feet inside the mouth of the creek,

B: thence 8 feet deep and 75 feet wide to a point 1,000 feet upstream from the Main Street Bridge, with widening at bends. Length is approximately 2 miles.

**COMMERCE:** Fish landings in the amount of \$3M are reported by the Belford Seafood Coop for 2008.

**FUNDING:** No funding in FY11 and FY12. Funds remaining from FY10 will support continuing environmental coordination, including concerning the economic development of Belford Harbor and the Corps shore protection study to widen/deepen the federal channel. A condition survey of the project is periodically performed to update the latest survey, determine the degree of shoaling and any critically shoaled areas. In addition, meetings with Monmouth County stakeholders continue to take place annually. In FY09, sampling and testing for possible future placement on the upland was conducted and coordinated with the State of New Jersey and with Belford.

**STATUS:** The project was last dredged in 1998/1999 by Wickberg Marine Contracting, Inc. Approximately 81,710 cubic yards of material was removed by hydraulic dredge "Winch" to the authorized depth of 12 feet MLW at a cost of \$752,098.00. The latest condition survey revealed approx. 225,000 cys total of material to be removed to restore the project to authorized dimensions.

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