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PUBLIC NOTICE

EMERGENCY DREDGING ACTION BULKHEAD CHANNEL Beaufort Harbor, NC

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District (Corps), has determined that conditions exist in Bulkhead Channel, Range 1 (entrance channel leading to Beaufort Harbor docks) that pose an immediate threat to navigation (Figures 1 and 2). The emergency conditions require the immediate removal of approximately 5,300 cubic yards of fine-grained sandy material and will take approximately 1 week to complete. Removal of the material will allow the safe passage of vessels to and from the harbor. Emergency dredging will be performed to a depth of -15 feet +2 feet overdepth in the identified area.

Work will be performed by a Government-owned special purpose hopper dredge and dredged material will be placed in the approved nearshore placement areas (Figure 1). No alternatives to performing the work by Government-owned vessel are available at this time. Work could commence as early as 8 August 2018.

The procedures outlined in the 1986 Memorandum of Agreement between the State of North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, were followed to obtain all necessary clearances for the emergency action to take place.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons for informational purposes only. For further information, please contact Ms. Emily Hughes, telephone (910) 251-4635.

This public notice satisfies the notification requirements of Executive Order 11988 and Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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