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FACT SHEET-Shinnecock Inlet, New York

Federal Navigation Channel/Infrastructure Maintenance and Stewardship



DESCRIPTION: The existing project in the Shinnecock Inlet includes the following channels: An entrance channel, 10 feet deep (MLW), 200 feet wide, from that depth in the Atlantic Ocean to the Shinnecock Bay, length approximately 0.7 mile; an inner channel, 6 feet deep, 100 feet wide, to the Long Island Intracoastal Waterway, length approximately 1 mile; A deposition basin that consists of a basin 20 feet deep (MLW), 600 feet wide and 600 feet long starting approximately 200 feet south from the southern end of the west jetty. It then widens through a 100 feet long section up to an 800 feet width, this 800 feet wide section is approx. 2,100 feet long; and rehabilitation of the existing jetties and revetments. All dredged material from the periodic maintenance dredging of the inlet navigation channel will be placed along the Atlantic shoreline west of the west jetty.

AUTHORIZATION: The Shinnecock Inlet was adopted by the Rivers and Harbors Acts of 1960.

FUNDING: \$60,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2015 for ongoing caretaker work of this dangerous ocean inlet navigation channel, to include monitoring of the conditions of the Inlet, producing a Controlling Depth Report, and coordination with partners and stakeholders.

STATUS: Last maintenance dredging cycle was completed January 7, 2010 with placement at Tiana Beach. In response to local requests for a stockpile of sand, two stockpiles (a 20K cubic yards and a 50K cubic yards stockpile of sand) were created near road K. Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of sand that was removed from the inlet.

Prior maintenance dredging of the channel and deposition basin was last completed in March 2004, when approximately 302,590 cubic yards of sand were removed. The material dredged from Shinnecock Inlet was placed in two areas along the shoreline immediately west of the jetty and Tiana Beach, located 7,000 to 10,000 feet west of the jetty.

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