

New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Virtual Public Meeting

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Virtual Meeting Participant Instructions

Agenda



REVIEW OF 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING 2021 REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Review of 2020 Accomplishments

- 1. Completion of **ALL** subtidal dredging
- 2. Completion of East Zone 1 (EZ1) shoreline remediation
- 3. Completion of West Zone 1 (WZ1) shoreline remediation
- 4. Completion of seven upper harbor sediment caps
- 5. Decontamination and transfer of the rail-accessible Dewatering Facility on Hervey Tichon Avenue to the City of New Bedford
- 6. Demolition of Sawyer Street desanding facilities
- 7. Completion of site-wide (18,000 acres) Long-Term Monitoring (Round 7)
- 8. Constructed and redesigned Parcel 265 shoreline







Completion of all Subtidal Dredging in March 2020

(Dark Green Areas)







EZ1 - Saltmarsh Restoration (excavation and backfill completed) A REAL AND A



Areas for additional Spartina planting in spring 2021

Restoration of Access Roads

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Before and After Soil PCB Levels (EZ1 - ppm)

	Before	After Excavation,	After Excavation,
	<u>Excavation</u>	Prior to Backfill	<u>After Backfill</u>
Top foot average	1,427	1.8	0.01 (ND)
Top foot maximum	21,000	8	0.01 (ND)

WZ1 Excavation in Progress – November 2020





WZ1 Restoration (backfilling) in Progress - December 2020







Upper Harbor Sediment Caps (shown in red)





Two Layers for Upper Harbor Sediment Caps

Acushnet River

12 – 20" Armor Stone (scour protection and PCB-free habitat layer)

24" Silty Sand

(1.5% organic carbon for PCB isolation)

Existing river sediment

Decontamination and transfer of the rail-accessible Dewatering Facility on Hervey Tichon Ave to the City of New Bedford

Fairhaven





Deconstruction of the Desanding Facility, Support Facilities, and U.S. Army Corps Office



Deconstruction and Transfer of the Sawyer Street Desanding Facility to the City of New Bedford September 2020

Long Term Monitoring

Completed October 2020

- 18,000 acres
- Sediment chemistry
- Sediment properties
- Benthic organism counts



Improvements in Benthic Community Surveys 1993 – 2014

Percent of Stations with Positive Benthic Index in Lower Harbor, USEPA Long-Term Monitoring Program for NBH



Summary of Upcoming 2021 Remedial Actions

- 1. East Zone 4 (EZ4) and East Zone 5 (EZ5) shoreline remediation and restoration
- 2. West Zone 4 (WZ4) and West Zone 5 (WZ5) shoreline remediation and restoration
- 3. Saltmarsh plantings at Parcel 265, EZ1 and WZ1





2021 Shoreline Saltmarsh Plantings

- Parcel 265
- EZ1
- WZ1
- WZ4 &5
- EZ4 & 5

= Saltmarsh planting area



2010 EPA Recommendations for Recreational Fisherman/Shell fisherman per Superfund Risk Assessment



Do NOT eat shellfish No coma mariscos Não coma mariscos



Do NOT eat fish No coma pescado Não coma peixe



Do NOT eat lobster No coma langosta Não coma lagosta



Do NOT eat bottom feeding fish:

No coma pescado de fondo: Não coma peixe de fundo:

 flounder 	•tautog	
 lenguado 	•tautoga	
• solha	 bodião da ostra 	
• scup	•eel	
• sargo	 anguila 	
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Questions or Comments

