

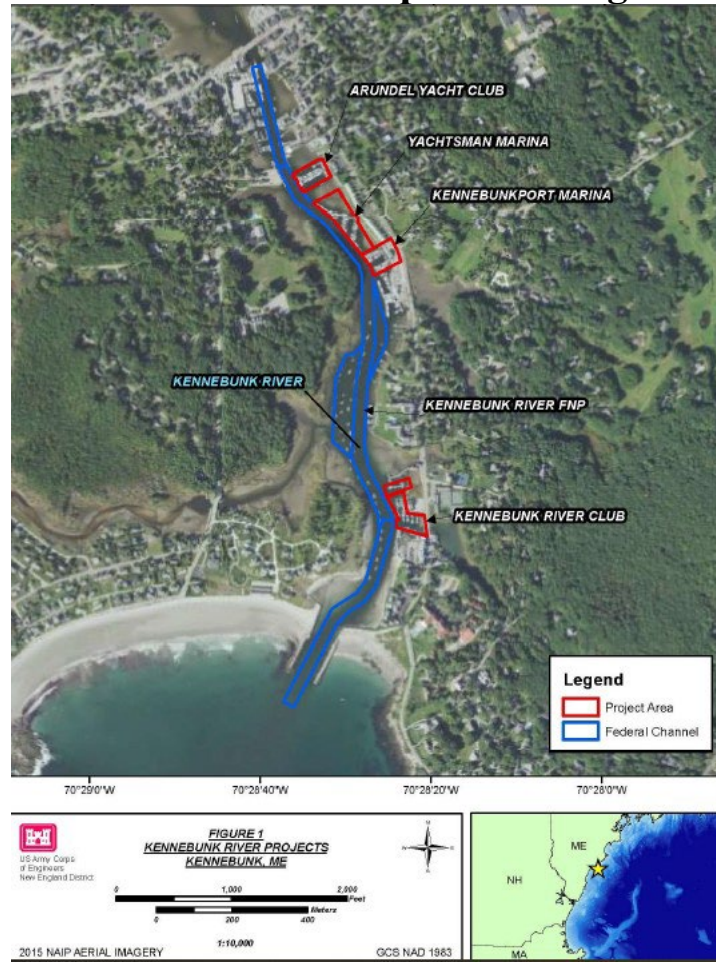
DMR Solicitation of Public Comment Regarding the Maintenance Dredge Project in the Kennebunk River, Kennebunkport

Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §480-D, sub-§9, the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is required to provide the Maine Department of Environmental Protection with an assessment of the impacts on the fishing industry of a proposed dredging operation. The Arundel Yacht Club (AYC), the Kennebunkport Marina (KM), the Kennebunk River Club (KRC), and the Yachtsman Marina (YM) are proposing maintenance dredging of their waterfront infrastructure, including in and around boat slips, to provide adequate depth for navigation and berthing. The proposed dredging will remove approximately 8,031 cubic yards (cy) of silty material from the AYC, 3,675 cy from KM, 8,935 cy from KRC, and 6,400 cy from YM. The proposed dredge depth is to -6 feet mean low water with a 1 foot overdredge. The total area to be impacted from all three sites is 195,581 square feet. This material is proposed to be mechanically dredged (clamshell bucket) and transported by barge to the Isle of Shoals North Disposal Site (IOSN). The dredging operation is expected to occur between November 1, 2025 and March 15, 2026.

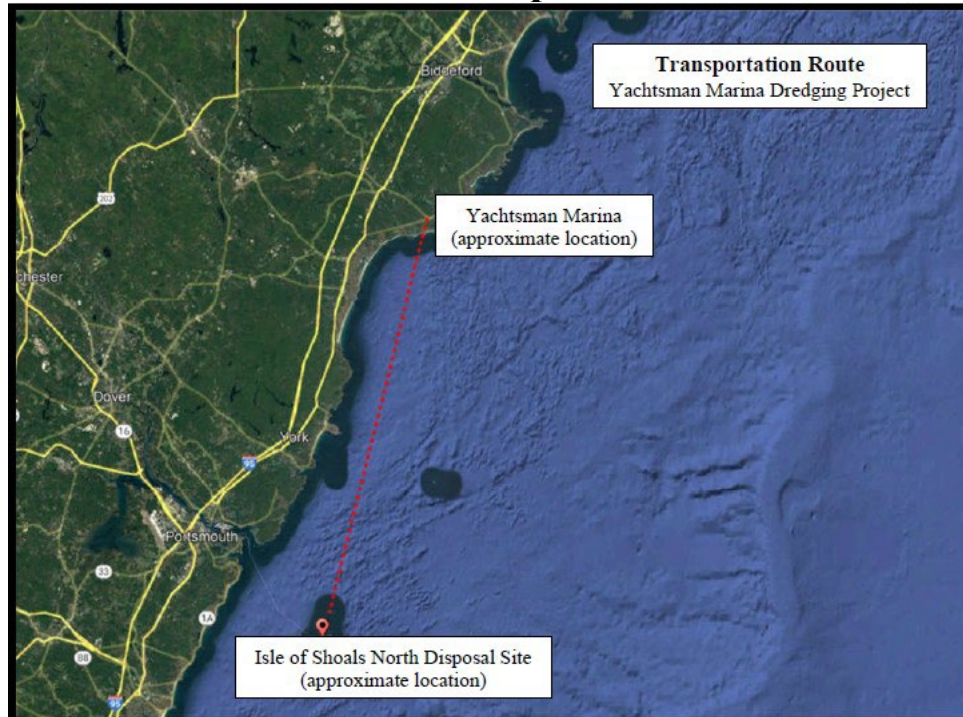
DMR will accept verbal and written comments about the potential impacts on fishing in the area to be dredged and impacts to the fishing industry of the proposed route to transport the dredge spoils to the IOSN disposal site. If 5 or more persons request a public hearing prior to February 14, 2025, DMR will hold a hearing. Comments should be sent to DMR at the email or mailing address listed below by 5:00 pm, February 14, 2025.

Department of Marine Resources, Attn: Environmental Permit Review, 21 State House Station,
Augusta, Maine 04333
email: EnvironmentalReview.DMR@maine.gov

Kennebunk River Proposed Dredge Sites



Kennebunk River Proposed Haul Route



Location: The Isle of Shoals North (IOSN) Disposal Site is located in the Gulf of Maine, approximately 20 km (10.8 nmi) east of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 17.7 km (9.55 nmi) southeast of Kittery, Maine, and 11.2 km (6.04 nmi) north of Eastern Island, the closest within the Isle of Shoals. The site is defined as a 2,600 m (8,530 ft) diameter circle on the seafloor with its center located at 70° 26.995' W and 43° 1.142' N.

Route: From the dredge sites, navigate in a southerly direction towards the mouth of the Kennebunk River, then in a southwestern direction through the Gulf of Maine to the IOSN Disposal Site. The total transportation route distance to the IOSN Disposal Site is approximately 23 nautical miles.