

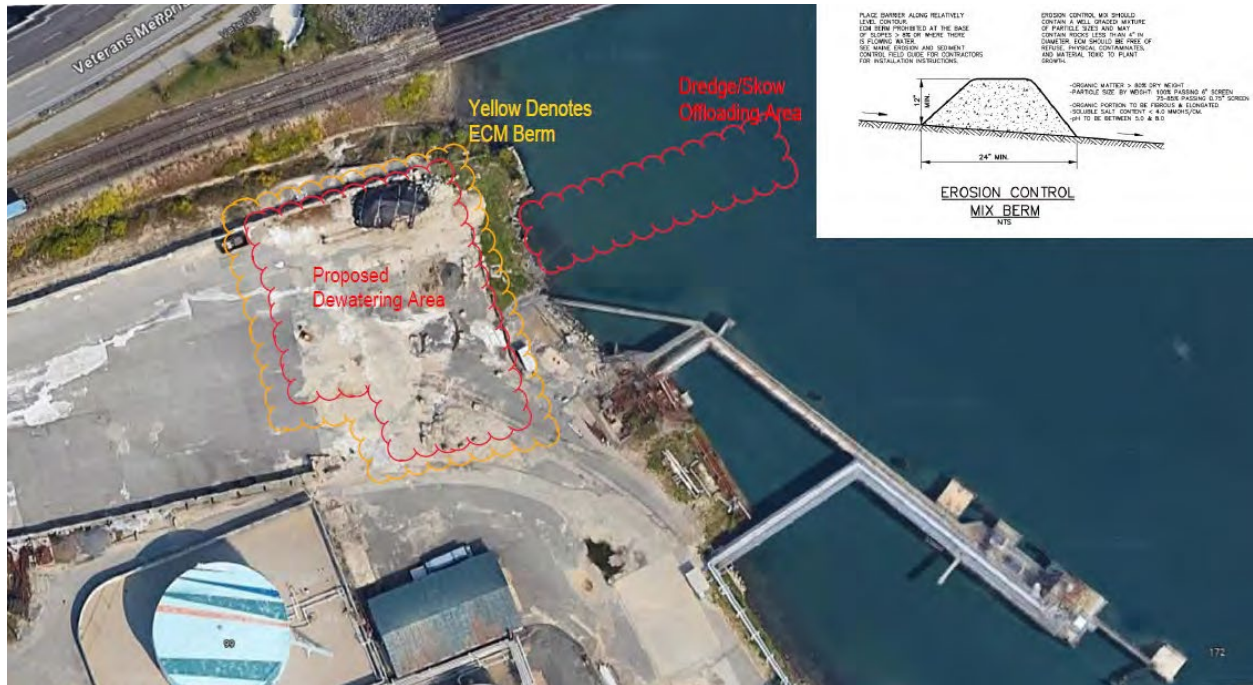
DMR Solicitation of Public Comment Regarding the Sprague Dredge Project in the Fore River, South Portland

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 in the Fore River. Sprague Operating Resources LLC is proposing dredging of the waterfront infrastructure adjacent to their South Portland Marine Terminal to provide adequate depth for navigation and berthing. The proposed dredging will remove approximately 6,200 cubic yards of material. The proposed dredge depth along the inboard portion of the pier will be -36 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) with a 1 foot overdredge. Along the pier face, the dredge depth will be -38 MLLW with a 1 foot overdredge. The total area to be impacted from all three sites is 35,780 square feet (.82 acre). The dredged material will be dewatered on a pad site at the Sprague Terminal waterfront and later transported by truck to the Shaw Brothers construction pit for beneficial reuse. The dredging operation is expected to occur between November 1, 2025 – March 15, 2026.

DMR will accept verbal and written comments about the potential impacts on fishing in the area to be dredged. 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

Site Information



Proposed Dewatering Area and Dredge/Scow Offloading Area



Proposed Disposal Area at Shaw Brothers in Westbrook, Maine