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Colonel Philip T. Feir
District Commander
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Dear Colonel Feir:

Subject: Connecticut Dredging Projects

As we have discussed in the past, the economic viability of Connecticut's ports, harbors, and waterways is highly dependent upon maintaining the associated federal channels and anchorages to their authorized depths. Therefore, I am requesting your assistance in providing federal stimulus funding for several Connecticut federal navigation projects.

The following high priority federal navigation projects have all the necessary state 401 Water Quality Certifications and Coastal Zone Management Consistency authorizations. Dredging could commence as soon as environmentally possible, once funding is in place.

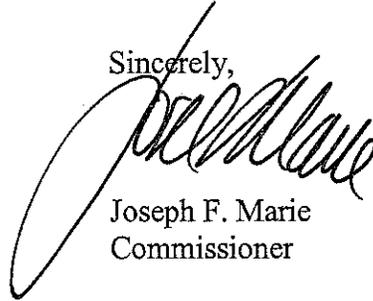
- Norwalk Harbor – partially completed; additional sediment must be dredged to meet authorized dimensions
- North Cove, Old Saybrook - partially completed; additional sediment must be dredged to meet authorized dimensions and provide cap for additional Norwalk Harbor dredging
- Clinton Harbor, Clinton – all authorizations are in place, awaiting funding; sediment will be placed on nearby state park beach as nourishment
- Patchogue River, Westbrook – all authorizations are in place, awaiting funding

Additionally, the New Haven Harbor is awaiting funding to initiate a reconnaissance study to determine if a further feasibility study of deepening the harbor is warranted. This initiative should be funded as well.

The availability of stimulus funding is a great opportunity to quickly accomplish needed work at a variety of ports in Connecticut and provide needed jobs for a variety of marine trades related businesses. I look forward to your favorable response to this request.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles Beck, Transportation Maritime Manager, at (860) 594-2550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Marie", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joseph F. Marie
Commissioner