

**Stakeholder Engagement Since June 1, 2023 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Request to EPA to
Provide an Option for Continued Ocean Management of HARS-suitable Dredged Material**

(All presentations were made virtually unless otherwise noted)

DATE	GROUP	SUBJECT	ATTENDEES DETAILS
7/17/2023; quarterly updates since	NY/NJ Regional Dredging Team (RDT)	Presentation focused on conceptual alternatives for addressing USACE request for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS- suitable dredged material	The Regional Dredging Team (RDT) consists of federal, state and local regulatory agencies and organizations. Additional information on the RDT may be found at https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/NYNJRDT/
7/20/2023	HARS Scientific Review Panel (SRP)	Presentation focused on conceptual alternatives for addressing USACE request for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS- suitable dredged material	The HARS Scientific Review Panel (SRP) includes technical representatives of governmental agencies and other stakeholders. The SRP is charged with providing EPA and the Army Corps with input on the management and monitoring of the HARS
9/12/2023	NYNJ Harbor Estuary Program- Management Committee	Conceptual alternatives for addressing USACE request for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS-suitable dredged material	The NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program is a multi-stakeholder effort to develop and implement a consensus-driven plan to protect, conserve and restore the estuary. Additional information may be found at https://www.hudsonriver.org/estuary-program/
2/27/2024	Rutgers University, NOAA- NMFS	Presentation and conversation focused on the ecological merit and location considerations for a fishery enhancement feature	Participants included two prominent fishery biologists from these two entities
4/1/2024	NYS Dept of Env. Conservation and NYS Dept of State	Conceptual alternatives for addressing USACE request for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS-suitable dredged material	Participant included representatives from NYSDEC (Marine Fisheries, Natural Resources) and (NYSDOS - Coastal Zone Management Program)
4/9/2024	NJ Dept of Env. Protection	Conceptual alternatives for addressing USACE request for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS-suitable dredged material	NJDEP (Permitting, Env. Review, Dredging, Science and Research, Coastal Engineering, Site Remediation)
6/11/2024	SRP	Presentations included summary of 2023 HARS survey results and planned 2024 HARS survey activities, including studies investigating dredged material management alternatives	
9/24/2024	Jersey Coast Anglers Assoc. (Wall, NJ)	Presentation and conversation focused on recreational fishing interest in, and location	Association of >75 saltwater fishing clubs that represents fishers' interests and rights

		considerations for, a fishery enhancement feature	
9/26/2024	Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC)	Presentation focused primarily on the concept and potential location of a fisheries habitat enhancement site.	MAFMC is one of eight councils responsible for fisheries management in the U.S. Exclusive economic Zone. The MAFMC develops plans for 15 mid-Atlantic fish and shellfish species.
10/9/2024	Town Dock (Point Judith, RI)	Presentation and conversation focused on commercial fishing community's interest in, and location considerations for, a fishery enhancement feature	Seafood industry / independent fleet; member of MAFMC; squid is a primary target species)
10/24/2024	NJDEP – Fish and Wildlife	Conceptual alternatives for addressing USACE request for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS-suitable dredged material with focus on fishery enhancement feature	Bureau of Marine Fisheries
11/7/2024	New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council (in person, Galloway Twp, NJ)	Presentation focused primarily on the concept and potential location of a fisheries habitat enhancement site	Governor-appointed council of 11 members representing various sectors of the fishing industry. A principal Council role is to advise NJ DEP Commissioner on policies and regulations affecting fisheries
12/4/2024	Cornell Cooperative Extension (Marine) Calverton, NY	Presentation and conversation focused on the ecological merit and location considerations for a fishery enhancement feature	The mission of the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Program is to protect and restore waters and provide a clean environment for fish, fowl and plants
1/23/2025	SRP	Presentations included summary of 2024 HARS survey activities and preliminary results including studies investigating dredged material management alternatives	
3/11/2025	New York Marine Advisory Council (in person, Kings Park, NY)	Conceptual alternatives for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS-suitable dredged material with focus on fishery enhancement feature	Council of 15 members representing commercial and recreational fishing interests. A principal Council role is to advise NYSDEC on policies and regulations affecting fisheries
3/25/2025	NJ/NJ Harbor Estuary Program - Water Quality and Restoration Workgroups (in person, Hudson River Foundation, New York, NY)	Conceptual alternatives for continued capacity to ocean manage HARS-suitable dredged material	NY /NJ Harbor Estuary Program workgroups facilitate communication and coordination to share best practices and identify and address data needs in their respective focus areas.