

Tenth update of the 2009 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from July 25 - 31. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on July 29 and 31.

On July 25, a slick, approximately 300 yards long by 6 yards wide, was reported in Gravesend Bay. A patch, approximately 50 yards by 10 yards, was reported in Newark Bay.

On July 27, a slick, approximately 200 yards long was reported in the Gravesend Bay.

On July 28, a small slick, approximately 100 yards long was reported in the Lower NY Harbor.

On July 30, a heavy patch, approximately 150 yards long by 5 yards wide was reported in the Arthur Kill.

The floatable debris consisted of large wood, paper and plastics and was reported to Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps of Engineers conducted clean-ups as necessary.

Sampling:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on July 28. Samples were given to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to conduct bacteriological analyses. These samples help fulfill NYSDEC's commitments to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.