

Fifth update of the 2008 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables five times from June 14 -20. The Harbor Complex was clear of significant floatable debris on June 18 and 19. The floatable flight on June 16 was canceled due to adverse weather conditions.

On June 14, a slick, approximately 400 yards long, was reported in the Upper Harbor.

On June 17, slicks, each approximately one half mile long of light density, were reported in Newark Bay and off Coney Island. A second smaller slick, approximately 200 yards long by 10 yards wide was reported in Newark Bay. A slick, approximately one mile to one and a half miles long with varying width and of moderate density, was reported in the Upper Harbor.

On June 20, a slick, approximately 500 yards long by 3 yards wide, was reported in the Upper Harbor. A slick, approximately 200 yards long by 3 yards wide, was reported in Newark Bay.

All floatable debris slicks consisted of large wood, tires, and plastics and were 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 June 19. 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.