

Fifth update of the 2013 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from June 22 - 28. No significant floatable slicks were reported on June 28.

On June 22, a floatable slick, approximately 1/8 mile long was reported in the Kill Van Kull.

On June 24, a floatable slick, approximately 3/4 mile long was reported in Newark Bay. A floatable slick, approximately one mile long by 30 yards wide was reported in the Upper Harbor. A floatable slick, approximately 3/4 mile long by 1 yard wide was reported in Gravesend Bay.

On June 25, a floatable slick, approximately 1 1/4 mile long by 1 to 2 yards wide was reported in Newark Bay. Unusual amounts of scattered debris were reported in the Kill Van Kull, Gravesend Bay and off Coney Island.

On June 26, small slicks under 200 yards long were reported in Newark Bay and the Hudson River.

On June 27, small slicks under 200 yards were reported in the Arthur Kill, Newark Bay and Kill Van Kull.

All floatable debris slick consisted of wood, plastic and paper, were reported to the Army Corps of Engineers, and cleanup was conducted as necessary. The large slicks observed this week were likely due to the full moon causing high tides and re-suspending floatables into the water column.