

## **Seventh update of the 2013 Helicopter Monitoring Program**

### **Floatables:**

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables five times from July 13 - 19. The Floatable flight was not conducted on July 13 due to poor weather. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on July 16.

On July 15, floatable debris slicks, each approximately 400 yards long by one to two yards wide were reported in the Upper Harbor and off Coney Island.

On July 17, a floatable slick, approximately 400 yards long wide was reported in the Arthur Kill. A floatable slick, approximately one mile long was reported in Newark Bay.

On July 18, a floatable slick, approximately 500 yards long by one yard wide was reported in Newark Bay. A floatable slick, approximately one and a half miles long by 2 yards wide was reported in Gravesend Bay.

On July 19, a floatable slick, approximately 400 yards long by one yard wide was reported in the Upper Harbor.

All floatable debris slicks consisted of wood, plastic and paper, were reported to the Army Corps of Engineers, and cleanup was conducted as necessary.

### **Sampling:**

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on July 17. 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.