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August 8, 2016

MST2 Amanda Boone
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard
Prevention Department
Waterways Management Branch
Sector Delaware Bay
1 Washington Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19147

RE: Local Notice to Mariners, Shark River, NJ

Dear Ms. Boone

Mobile Dredging and Pumping and the New Jersey Department of Transportation Office of Maritime Resources will close a portion of the Shark River channel from September 1, 2016 until on or about September 23, 2016. In accordance with the schedule below.

The portion of the channel to be closed to navigation during dredging operations will be from 40°10'54.20"N, 74° 1'51.05"W to 40°11'6.87"N, 74° 1'53.54"W.

Monday 9 AM through Thursday 9 PM

Thursday 9 PM through Monday 9 AM – Channel open but with on-going active dredging operations. During this period mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed, with no wake, and no meeting or passing of other vessels. Mobile Dredging and Pumping may request to enact additional channel closures if the safety of operations cannot be maintained through operational dredging periods.

In addition there will be no Channel Closure on:

• Labor Day: No Channel Closures Permitted 6:00 AM Friday, September 2, 2016 until Noon Tuesday September 6, 2016.

The dredging will be performed by the cutter suction Dredge # D-40 and will be assisted by the vessels WB-24. All pipelines will be marked with buoys and lighted. The dredge and other associated vessels will monitor VHF channels 6, 13 and 16. All mariners should take care to avoid the dredging operations as well as the associated pipelines.

Please include the following additional information in the Notice to Mariners Broadcast "During periods when the channel is open to navigation, mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to

minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made. Mariners must communicate clearly, and in advance, with the dredge via appropriate VHF channels."

Mariners should also be advised that State Aids to Navigation (ATON) will be removed for the duration of the project. All mariners, including those utilizing human powered craft, should be especially alert to project pipeline routes and crossings.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

My cell phone number is 610-721-5847

Thank you,

MOBILE DREDGING & PUMPING CO.

Alex Dick Dredging Services Manager