

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

### **Floatables:**

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables five times from June 15 - 21. The Harbor Complex was clear of significant floatables on June 15, 17 and 19. The floatable flight was not conducted on June 21 due to mechanical issues with the helicopter.

On June 18, a floatable slick, approximately 900 feet long by 5 feet wide, was reported in Newark Bay.

On June 20, unusually heavy amounts of scattered debris were reported in the Arthur Kill, Newark Bay and Upper Harbor.

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

### **Long Island 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.