

Ninth update of the 2013 Helicopter Monitoring Program

Floatables:

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Complex was monitored for floatables six times from July 27 - August 2. The Harbor was clear of significant floatables on July 27, 30, and 31.

On July 29, a floatable slick, approximately 500 yards long by 6 yards wide was reported in the Arthur Kill. A floatable slick, approximately 400 yards long by 10 yards wide was reported in the Kill Van Kull.

On August 1, a floatable slick, approximately 400 yards long by 2 yards wide was reported in Newark Bay.

On August 2, a floatable slick, approximately 500 yards long by one yard wide was reported in the Upper Harbor. A floatable slick, approximately 650 yards long by 2 - 3 yards wide was reported off Coney Island.

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

Sampling:

Long Island:

Water quality samples were collected at 26 locations from Rockaway to Shinnecock Inlet, on July 31. 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.