

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2013
To: Town of Sandwich
From: Woods Hole Group
Re: Quarterly Town of Sandwich Beach Project Update

Here is a monthly update on the ongoing Town of Sandwich Beaches projects (for September, 2013):

Task 1 – Topographic Survey

- Task completed.

Task 2 – Smaller-Scale, Stop-Gap Erosion Mitigation Measures

- No current action this month.

Task 3 - Finalization of the Sandwich Harbor Inlet Stabilization Project

- Tasks 3 and 5 have been recast to place more focus on the full-scale beach nourishment project. The Sandwich Harbor Inlet stabilization project is still being pursued; however the priority has been lowered relative to the beach nourishment project.
- Because of the change in focus, the previous Environmental Impact Report, which was centered on the inlet stabilization, will now need to be significantly adjusted to focus on the beach nourishment project. This is underway.
- The potential approach to the inlet stabilization project (under this task) is also being modified. For example, the potential location of the stabilized inlet is being reconsidered. This task now primarily consists of pursuit of regulatory input and conceptual designs to evaluate technical and regulatory efficacy.
- A meeting is being set up with appropriate regulatory officials to discuss the possible options for a new inlet stabilization project and approach.

Task 4 – Formal Beach Management Plan

- Task completed. Final copies of the beach management plan were provided to the Town.
- It should be noted that this is a living document, which can be adjusted and changed as time goes on.

Task 5 - Town Neck Beach Full Scale Beach Nourishment Project

- Preliminary designs and volumetric calculations are being conducted for the full-scale beach nourishment project based on post-Nemo survey results
- Preliminary engineering plans have been started, including cross-sections, to present design
- The existing EIR will require a substantial change to adjust to the new focus on the full-scale beach nourishment project (see Task 3)
- The initial sections of the revamped EIR are being drafted

Task 6 – Section 111 and 204 Tracking

- No new information on this task.

Task 7 – Post-Sandy Survey

- Task Completed. Grant application submitted

Task 8 – Post-Nemo Survey

- Task Completed. Grant application submitted.

Task 9 – Emergency Breach Restoration

- Task Completed.