Information for File # MVP-2013-03300-JMB

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This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE: The applicant is proposing to dredge approximately 2,200 cubic yards of sediment from 1.97 acres within the St. Croix River at Hi-Line Beach. The dredging contractor will use standard mechanical methods to remove sediments (sand) from the riverbed in the North Beach (Site 1), South Beach (Site 2), and Inlet Channel (Site 3). An excavator will be operated off a barge to complete the planned work. The barge will be moved around to each project footprint and spudded where needed. Dredging will remove sediments that have settled in habitats less than 5 ft deep (1.5 m) based on a water surface elevation of 674.6 ft (205.6 m). All dredge spoils will be scooped onto a barge where they will be allowed to dewater, prior to being spread in nearby uplands.

NAME, AREA, AND TYPES OF WATERS AFFECTED: The applicant is proposing to improve access by mechanically dredging approximately 2,200 cubic yards of sediment from 1.97 acres within the St. Croix River, a Section 10 WOUS. The project area covers approximately 1,300 feet of shoreline. No dredge spoils will be re-deposited on the bed of the river or discharged into any special aquatic site. Additionally, all dredge spoils will be scooped onto a barge where they will be allowed to dewater prior to being spread above the OHWM in nearby beach areas.

THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project would result in adverse effects to federally listed mussel species; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a Biological Opinion (Incidental Take Statement) in June 2025. The Project will not result in adverse modification of critical habitat, and conservation measures have been developed specific to the project to further avoid and minimize impacts from the proposed dredging. Mussel relocations will cover all dredge footprints and 3-m-buffers around each footprint.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: N/A - the project involves mechanically dredging for improved water access at Hi-Line Beach on the St. Croix River.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: No compensatory mitigation was proposed by the applicant for the proposed mechanical dredging activities within the St. Croix River, a Section 10 WOUS. No fill material will be discharged into a special aquatic site and/or below the plane of the OHWM. Additionally, the proposed work will not result in a loss of waters. **Drawings** See attached.

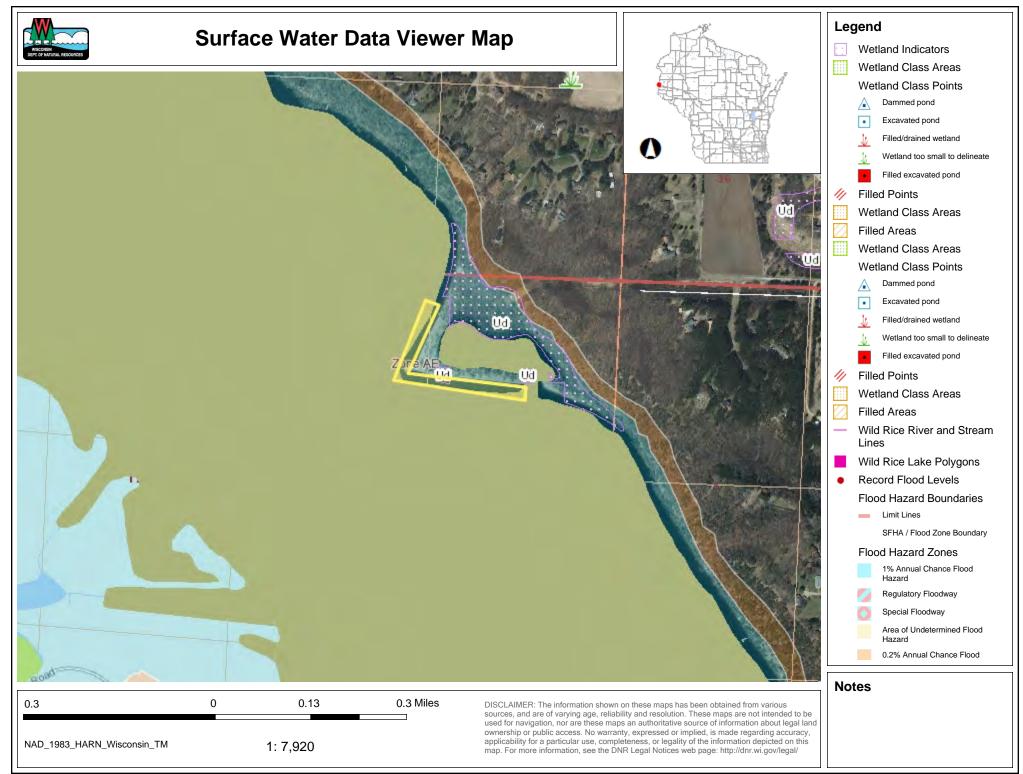




Figure 4. Updated dredge footprints and buffers in the Action Area.

