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Wills Hole emergency dredging project to begin on Monday in Point Pleasant and Manasquan Project will improve navigation safety in the channel

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced an emergency maintenance dredging project of the Wills Hole Thorofare located in Point Pleasant Beach, Ocean County. The \$1.35 million dollar project will restore the channel to a safe navigable depth by dredging approximately 32,000 cubic yards.

On or about Monday, April 20, NJDOT's contractor, H&L Construction LLC, will begin hydraulic dredging operations that will continue 24 hours, 7 days a week until project completion, which is expected in late May. The project will restore the channel to an authorized depth of 13 feet to 14 feet below mean low water to alleviate major shoaling that has occurred in the channel.

All material removed from the channel will be transported via pipeline and placed onto Fisherman's Cove Beach in Manasquan Borough, Monmouth County to act as beach fill. The pipeline will be clearly marked with buoys and lights to ensure safe navigation. Channel closures are not expected, but if they are needed, closures will be communicated through the Local Notice to Mariners and social media. Be advised that State Aids to Navigation (ATON) will be removed as necessary through the duration of the project.

The public is advised to be aware of and stay alert for the pipeline, buoys, dredge, and other maritime construction equipment during the project. NJDOT asks that no one approach the construction site or any other project-related equipment. Boaters should proceed through construction zones with caution and can contact the contractor for meeting/passing arrangements on Channel 65. No wake speed should be observed in active work zones throughout the duration of the project.

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