

27 August 2009 LMOA Board of Directors Meeting Dredging Update

LMOA Long-Term Dredging Program completed the first 5 weeks of operations on 21 August.

There have been 25 days available and we have dredged 24. We lost one day to maintenance problems with the dredger.

Total sediment Dredged: 357 cubic yards (includes 9 cu. yds. from training)

Operationally average sediment dredged per day is 14 cu. yds.

All dredging has been accomplished in the upper region of Jackson Cove.

Carl is making great progress with his operating skills.

Plan to dredge the Jackson Cove BMP later this week and early next week.

After the Jackson BMP is accomplished, we will move operations to Monroe Cove. Again we will remove the annual sediment from the upper regions and then create a BMP.

Still improving checklists. As an example, the weekly checking of the tightness of the Slew Ring Bolts is moving to every other week. Our hope is to be able to slide this to a monthly operation.

Grapple Truck is performing as expected.

Recently surfaced dredger boom bolt problems. Two bolts came loose on the boom arm. One is for an arm pivot pin and the other is for the bucket lower pivot pin. Aquarius has been informed and is researching the problem. We are able to safely continue dredging operations, with increased attention to the bolts and pins. We are expect Aquarius to have solutions soon.

Except for the initial lost day, operations tempo is progressing nicely.

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