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Ms. Kristen Bellantuono  
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
Office of Long Island Sound Programs  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

**Subject: Certificate of Permission application by S.H. Management of Stamford, Inc. (d.b.a. Brewer Yacht Haven Marina) concerning work in the Stamford Harbor Management Area**

Dear Ms. Bellantuono:

The Stamford Harbor Management Commission (SHMC) has reviewed the Certificate of Permission (COP) application submitted to the Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) by S.H. Management of Stamford, Inc. (the Applicant) concerning proposed work in the Stamford Harbor Management Area (SHMA) at Brewer Yacht Haven Marina, 181 Harbor Drive, Stamford, Connecticut.

The Applicant proposes maintenance dredging of an existing marina basin adjoining the federal channel serving the East Branch of Stamford Harbor.

In accordance with OLISP requirements, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to provide a copy of the COP application to the SHMC. It is the responsibility of the SHMC, set forth in the Stamford Harbor Management Plan and Stamford Code, to review the application for consistency with the Plan and provide recommendations to the OLISP.

During its meeting on July 21, 2015, the SHMC approved a motion to find the proposal consistent with the Harbor Management Plan and to transmit the following comments and recommendations to the OLISP and Applicant.

Comments and Recommendations:

1. It is a policy of the Harbor Management Plan to support timely, environmentally sound maintenance dredging as needed to maintain the viability of water-dependent uses in the Stamford Harbor Management Area.
2. It is also a policy of the Plan that docks, floats, piers, and other in-water structures should be set back from the SHMA's federal navigation channels a sufficient distance to ensure that these structures and any vessels attached to them do not interfere with safe and efficient passage of vessels using the channels.
3. Prior to any action on the Applicant's proposal, the Applicant's plan drawing should be amended to show the distance between the Applicant's western-most dock structures and the East Branch federal navigation channel.
4. Following completion of the maintenance dredging project, the Applicant's existing dock structures should be replaced in their existing, permitted locations so as to be no closer to the federal channel than at the present time.
5. Following completion of the maintenance dredging project and replacement of the Applicant's existing dock structures, the Applicant should conduct a post-dredge survey to document that the structures have been replaced no closer to the federal channel than at the present time.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (315) 651-0070 or [dortelli@stamfordct.gov](mailto:dortelli@stamfordct.gov).

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Stamford Harbor Management Commission

cc:

Mr. Frank Fedeli, Stamford Office of Operations  
Ms. Diane Ray, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Mr. Steven Sternberg, Roberge Associates Coastal Engineers  
Mr. Griffith Trow, Chairman, SHMC Application Review Committee