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**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Notice of Complete Application**

*Date:* 12/11/2020

*Applicant:* NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation  
625 BROADWAY  
ALBANY, NY 12233

*Facility:* NYSDEC ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM  
MARINE WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
REGIONS ONE AND TWO, NY

*Application ID:* 1-9901-00003/00017

*Permits(s) Applied for:* 1 - Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

*Project is located:* in SEVERAL COUNTIES in THIS REGION

*Project Description:*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) proposes the continued development and expansion of twelve existing Artificial Reef Program sites, located in the Atlantic Ocean, Great South Bay and Long Island Sound. In addition, NYSDEC proposes to create four new artificial reef sites, including three in the Long Island Sound and one in the Atlantic Ocean. The construction and maintenance of the reef sites is proposed to be accomplished by placement of materials of opportunity, such as concrete, rock, and steel, and specifically designed reef structures such as reef balls and pyramids. The purpose of the project is to continue and expand NYSDEC's Artificial Reef Program in order to continue to provide fishing and diving opportunities and enhance or restore fisheries habitat. The Program, which was established in 1962, was the subject of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) in 1993, and a Draft Supplemental Generic Impact Statement (DSGEIS) was accepted by NYSDEC and made available for public review on 1/22/2020. The project is located in the New York State Coastal Marine District and adjacent Federal Waters.

*Availability of Application Documents:*

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

*State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination*

A final environmental impact statement has been prepared on this project and is on file.

*SEQR Lead Agency*

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

*State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination*

A cultural resources survey has been completed and cultural resources were identified. Based on information provided in the survey report, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has determined that the proposed activity will have no adverse impact on registered or eligible archaeological sites or historic structures. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

*Coastal Management*

This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

*Availability For Public Comment*

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 01/15/2021 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

*Contact Person*

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