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Seaway Dredging to Commence September 1st

Boaters Advised to Use Caution

Akwesasne Territory -- The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is planning to commence a small maintenance-dredging project on or about September 1, 2010. In 2009, the Seaway received a water quality permit from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division to complete this work in the shipping channel south of Cornwall Island. They did not do any work on the south channel in 2009 due to weather and other factors.

The work scheduled for this September will take place on a 24-hour a day basis until the project is complete. The purpose of this project is to maintain the channel for safe passage and restore it to design width and depth. Seaway officials anticipate that the work should end within a few weeks after they start. Before the actual dredging begins, hydrographic surveyors will survey the elevations of the channel bottom in the areas to be dredged. They will be using sonic depth finders.

After the dredging starts, boaters are advised to use caution within the vicinity of the project. For more information on this project or to view the permit go to www.srmtenv.org If any community members have any questions concerning the dredging process, please contact Tony David at the Environment Division at 518-358-5937.

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