

Delavan Lake Inlet Dredging Project

Update #6

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JND Thomas reported today that they have progressed 1,250 feet up the 2,940 foot dredging area and have removed approximately 18,500 cubic yards of sediment. Overall the project is about 40% complete.

Their general plan for the work is to dredge the 5-6 foot deep channel area first and then go back and work on the near shore (western) area. They are working these shallow west side areas From Monday to Wednesday each week and from Thursday to Saturday they relocate the equipment downstream and work on the eastern side of the dredging area. Their approach accommodates boat traffic on weekends and is intended to minimize inconvenience for boaters, both residents and visitors.



As a reminder to Inlet residents, the WDNR permit allows them to dredge up to the end of the piers, but the dredge cutterhead cannot get any closer than 10 feet from the pier structure. Further, the permit does not allow the removal of hard-bottom material. In some cases along the Western shoreline, they have encountered that hard, clay bottom some distance from the end of the piers in water that is too shallow to operate. The dredging contractor is constrained by the fact that the dredge itself generally requires a minimum of 3 feet 7 inches of water depth (above the hard clay bottom) in order to operate. They will, however, make every effort to get as close to shore as water depth and pier heads allow.

