



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford Conservation Commission

FROM: Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent

cc: Adam Hart – DPI, John Ramsey – Applied Coastal Research and Engineering, Inc
Eileen Feeney – DMF

RE: West Beach Nourishment Supplemental Comments.

Following communication with the Division of Marine Fisheries, I offer the following supplemental comments on eelgrass impacts.

1. It is recommended that if eelgrass beds have been determined to have been impacted following the initial two year post construction monitoring, an in kind mitigation plan is to be developed by the applicant and approved by the MA DMF and the Con Com. The mitigation ratio shall be 1:4 (one unit eelgrass impact: 4 units eelgrass restored/created). The mitigation area shall then be monitored for two years and if not successful, then alternative mitigation (preferably in-kind out of place) shall need to be developed by the applicant and approved by the MA DMF and the Con Com. Any alternative mitigation shall require the filing of a new NOI with the Conservation Commission. The Order of Conditions shall be valid for 5 years to allow for the monitoring and the mitigation, if required, to take place.