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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
 Massachusetts Historical Commission

RE: New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, 2011 Marine Reconnaissance Archaeological Survey,
 New Bedford, MA. MHC #RC.17682.

Dear Mr. White:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the office of the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed the *Interim Technical Memorandum Supplemental Marine Archaeological Survey, New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, Dredge Areas N, O, K and L*, including the Revised Archeological Scope of Work for the 2011 dredge areas, prepared by Fathom Research, Inc., received June 7, 2011, for the project referenced above.

Results of the preliminary marine archaeological reconnaissance survey identified four potential targets that may correspond to submerged cultural resources. Additional survey, including video hydro-probe inspection of the four targets is proposed to provide additional information at these locations. At this time, MHC does not have sufficient information to offer opinions of potential significance for the four identified targets. Results of the video hydro-probe survey should be submitted to the MHC as a color copy on paper by mail for review and comment when they are completed.

MHC notes that the results of the survey will be incorporated as an addendum to the Interim Technical Memorandum. Two paper copies of the final technical report, including addendum, and a CD-ROM with the report abstract and bibliographic information should be submitted to the MHC by mail.

MHC looks forward to continued consultation with EPA and the Corps with other interested and consulting parties to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects to significant historic properties during the project. These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800). If you have questions or require additional information please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,

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