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**Subject: Indian River Flood Shoal
SHPO Project No. 2024.06.13.04**

Dear Ms. Taylor:

We understand from your letter that the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), is seeking a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) for the proposed undertaking at the Indian River Inlet and North Beach in Sussex County. DNREC is proposing to maintenance dredge the flood shoal located within the Indian River Inlet and use the sandy material to restore the berm and dune system at North Beach. Because of the need for authorization from the USACOE, the project is subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended).

There are no known archaeological sites or historic properties within the area of potential effect (APE). The fire control tower (S06049) is the only historic structure within a half-mile radius of the APE. Due to the limited nature of the proposed undertaking and the distance to the known historic resource, there is no anticipated impact to this property. There are no archaeological sites within a half-mile radius of the APE. As the proposed dredging and beach renourishment is within the footprint of previous undertakings of the same nature, there is low potential for any intact archaeological sites.

Our Office finds there to be No Historic Properties Affected by the proposed undertaking. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (302) 736-7431 or sarah.carr@delaware.gov.

Sincerely,



Sarah Carr
Cultural Preservation Specialist
cc: Gwen Davis, Deputy SHPO