



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Westport Shellfish Commission  
c/o Commission Chair Heather Williams  
Town Hall  
110 Myrtle Avenue, Room 105  
Westport, CT 06880  
Email: [conservation@westportct.gov](mailto:conservation@westportct.gov)

**Subject:** State Project No. 102-295  
Median Reconstruction and Resurfacing of I-95  
Norwalk and Westport

Dear Chair Williams:

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (the Department) has submitted an application to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for a Structures, Dredge, and Fill/Tidal Wetlands permit, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 22a-32 and 22a-361.

The permit application is for activities associated with State Project No. 102-295, a safety improvement project on Interstate 95 in Norwalk and Westport. The proposed improvements generally consist of median reconstruction, removal and replacement of the existing pavement, widening of existing shoulders, and installation of new guiderail, signage, and illumination.

For your review and comment, enclosed please find a LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form: Shellfish Commission (in which you will find a more detailed project description), a location map, and project plans.

We are aware that the Westport Shellfish Commission provided a letter and a completed Consultation Form to the Department in 2016, and that the Westport Conservation Director more recently provided a copy of those materials under a new cover letter, dated April 2, 2020, to DEEP.

However, in light of the refinement of the project scope that has occurred since 2016, and after having consulted with DEEP staff, the Department respectfully requests that the Westport Shellfish Commission consider submitting an updated Consultation Form for the application currently pending with DEEP.

Further, while acknowledging that the permit application has already been submitted, it is our understanding that DEEP will consider your Pre-Submission Consultation Form as part of its review if the Form is returned within the standard timeframe of 60 days.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Andrew H. Davis, of my staff, at (860) 594-2157.

Very truly yours,

Kimberly C. Lesay  
Transportation Assistant Planning Director  
Bureau of Policy and Planning

Enclosure

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**Connecticut Department of  
Energy & Environmental Protection**  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
Land & Water Resources Division

## LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form Shellfish Commission

*You need to complete and submit this form only if your town has a [Shellfish Commission](#).*

**To the applicant** - Prior to the submission of your license application to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Land & Water Resources Division (LWRD), please complete Part I, below, and submit this form to your local shellfish commission (contact the town for the appropriate contact person) with a location map of your site and project plans. Once the commission returns the completed form to you, please submit it along with your license application to DEEP.

**Part I: To be completed by APPLICANT**

**1. Applicant/Registrant Information**

Name: Connecticut Department of Transportation  
 Mailing Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, P.O. 317546  
 City/Town: Newington State: CT Zip Code: 06131-7546  
 Business Phone: 860-594-2000 Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: Kimberly C. Lesay Title: Transportation Asst. Planning Dir.  
 Business Phone: 860-594-2931 Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: kimberly.lesay@ct.gov

**2. Engineer/Surveyor/Agent Information (list as applicable)**

Name: AECOM Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: 500 Enterprise Drive, Suite 3B  
 City/Town: Rocky Hill State: CT Zip Code: 06067-3913  
 Business Phone: 860-990-6841 Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: Jeffrey Keefe Title: Project Manager  
 Business Phone: 860-263-5866 Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: jeffrey.keefe@acocom.com  
 Service Provided: Engineering Design

**3. Site Location:**

Name of Site : Interstate 95  
 Street Address: The approximate project boundary is along the median of Interstate 95, starting just west of Interchange 16 at the east abutment of the Yankee Doodle Bridge in Norwalk, ending in Westport at the east end of the I-95 Bridge over the Saugatuck River.  
 City/Town: Norwalk & Westport State: CT Zip Code: 06851 / 06880  
 Tax Assessor's Reference: Map N/A Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Waterbody: Norwalk River & Saugatuck River

**4.  Confirm location map and site plans are attached.**

Date of plans: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Provide or attach a brief, but thorough description of the project.**

State Project No. 102-295 is a safety improvement project on Interstate 95 (I-95) in Norwalk and Westport. The proposed improvements generally include median reconstruction, removal and replacement of the existing bituminous pavement along the mainline and ramps, widening of existing shoulders and installation of new guiderail, signage, and illumination.

Within the town of Westport, in addition to the above noted safety improvements, the project scope also includes the full replacement of the existing bridge carrying I-95 over Route 33 (Saugatuck Avenue) along with the replacement of select bridge deck expansion joints on the structure carrying I-95 over the Saugatuck River. All work on the Saugatuck River Bridge will be done either from roadway level or from temporary platforms installed immediately below the steel superstructure. The platforms will also serve as a shield to ensure that construction debris and materials do not enter the watercourse. No work within the Saugatuck River channel is proposed and the repairs to the Saugatuck River Bridge are not anticipated to have any impacts to adjacent tidal wetlands or marine traffic.

**Part II: To be completed by SHELLFISH COMMISSION**

This consultation form is required to be submitted as part of an application for a Structures, Dredging & Fill license (Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 22a-361) and/or Tidal Wetlands license (CGS Section 22a-32) to DEEP LWRD. The application has not yet been submitted to DEEP. Please review the enclosed materials and determine whether the project will significantly impact shellfish beds. You may also provide comments or recommendations regarding the proposal. Should you have any questions regarding this process, please call DEEP LWRD at 860-424-3019. **Please return the completed form to the applicant within 60 days of receipt or no adverse impact will be assumed.**

**SHELLFISH COMMISSION DETERMINATION:**

Project located on (check one):  natural bed     state bed     local bed     none  
 other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

If project is located upon a franchised or leased shellfish bed, please provide the owner or lessee's contact information below.

Check one of the following:

- I have determined that the work described in Part I of this form and attachments **WILL NOT** adversely impact a shellfish area.
- I have determined that the work described in Part I of this form and attachments **WILL** adversely impact a shellfish area. A summary of the Shellfish Commission's project-specific concerns/comments is described below or attached.

COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS (check the box if attached:  ):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Commission Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Commission Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title