



Beals Harbor / Pig Island Maintenance Dredging

JONESPORT, MAINE

Cashman was awarded a \$3.4 million maintenance dredging contract in Jonesport, Maine, consisting of two definable areas: Beals Harbor Anchorage and Pig Island Gut, totaling 106,000 cubic yards (CY). The main anchorage, known locally as Barneys Cove, is a protected mooring location for the local lobster boat fleet and is located on the northwestern side of Beals Island along Moosabec Reach, opposite Jonesport and about 38 miles southwest of Eastport, Maine. Pig Island Gut is a narrow passage between Pig Island and Great Wass and is used as a back channel by many of the lobster boats to access the fishing grounds to the south of Beals Island.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Work consisted of mechanically dredging naturally shoaled clay, silt and sand, with unconfined disposal at the Mark Island Disposal Site, ~5 miles away in Chandler Bay.
- Removal of ~30 tons of heavy boulders, large debris and derelict moorings was also conducted.
- The bulk of the project was self-performed using the *F.J. Belesimo* dredge and the *Eddie Carroll* scow, with one tug tending the dredge and one towing tug.
- Due to the hard work and diligence of all involved, the project was completed in advance of the permit window, for which Cashman received “Exceptional” ratings.

Location:	Jonesport, ME
Contractor:	Cashman Dredging & Marine Contracting
Contract Number:	W912WJ-16-C-0004
Contract Dates:	Nov. 2016 – April 2017
Dollar Value:	\$3.4 Million
Awarding Authority / Owner:	USACE, New England District

The last time this area had been dredged was in the 1950s; this maintenance dredging project restored both areas to their authorized dimensions.

