

SP0070104-9 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC-LAWS
TO BE OBSERVED COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND
OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (SEAGRASS BEDS)
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (10-26-18, Industry)

Strike the words, "to prevent shading and scour impacts." You just need to tell the Contractor what to do, not why.

Response: Considered, but kept as is. Depending on depth/shadows, a barge could be near seagrass beds (but not technically over them) and still cause shading impacts.

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Comments: (11-12-2018, Industry)

It is very common that seagrass beds will occur near or within the project, but the bridge sheets often do not provide enough coverage to map the seagrass beds. This is especially true for bridge rehab projects that are not part of a larger roadway project. My comment is to delete the sentence that reads "The approximate location of the seagrass beds is provided in the Plans."

Response: Considered, but no change made. For areas outside of where the plan sheets typically provide, we suggest providing an additional plan sheet depicting a "zoomed out" area that could encompass all areas of potential barging/traversing and show the seagrasses mapped out.
