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## Weekly dredge monitoring report

Dredge area 3B: Eastern Entrance was dredged between 21 and 27 June 2024 (hereafter referred to as “Week 2”). The stipulated conditions allowing for dredging and discharge from the settling dam include an outgoing current equal to or greater than  $0.43 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (equivalent to site specific  $200 \text{ m}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ), only between sunrise and sunset, and only on weekdays (excluding public holidays). Operational conditions for release require that dredging only occur when these parameters allowed for at least 1 hour of dredging to the river. As a result of these parameters, 5 dredge sessions could occur for Week 2 of June 2024. Dredging to the river occurred 5 times, no dredging to and no discharge from the settling dam occurred (Table 1). For Week 2 of June 2024 a volume of  $805.4 \text{ m}^3$  was dredged from area 3B and blockages of the suction head occurred once due to seaweed. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 17 minutes into dredging the dredge pipe broke. Dredging stopped and repairs was done by the maintenance team. (Table 1).

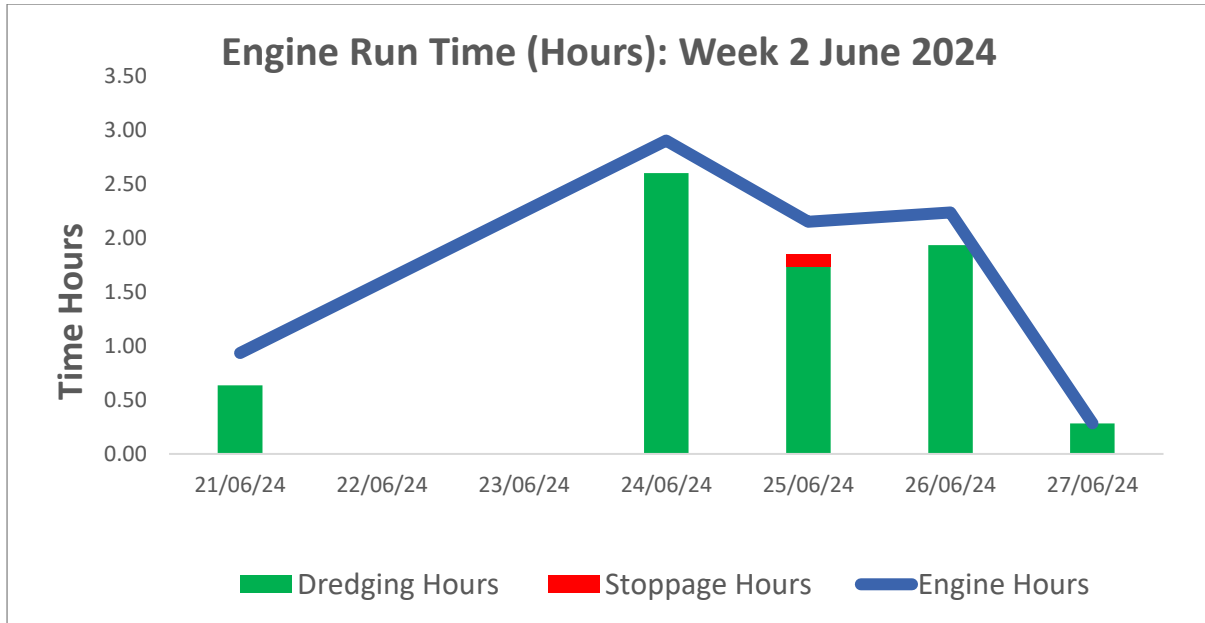
Table 1. Operational dredging variables.

Dredging of Dredge area 3B	Total
Allowable dredge sessions	5
Dredge sessions to river	5
Dredge sessions to settling dam	0
Release from settling dam	0
Dredge volume ( $\text{m}^3$ )	805.4
Stop incidents (due to blockage)	1

A total engine run time of 8 hours and 30 minutes was achieved for Week 2 of June 2024 with a mean run time of 1 hour and 42 minutes per dredge session (Table 2). The mean dredge time achieved per session was 1 hour and 26 minutes, indicating 1 minute of stoppage time due to blockages of the suction head (Table 2). The mean volume of dredge material discharged to the river was  $161 \text{ m}^3$  per session (Table 2).

Table 2. Operational variables and means per dredge session.

Operational variables	Total	Mean (per session)
Engine time (h:min)	8:30	1:42
Dredge time (h:min)	7:11	1:26
Stoppage time (h:min)	0:07	0:01
Volume direct to river ( $\text{m}^3$ )	805.4	161
Volume to dam ( $\text{m}^3$ )	0	0
Volume from dam to river ( $\text{m}^3$ )	0	0



### Daily discharge from the settling dam

Dam not functional due to being full of settled sediment.

### River velocity

Mean river velocity recorded before, during, and after dredging remained within the allowable parameter (above 0.43 m.s<sup>-1</sup>) for Week 2 of June 2024 dredging (Table 3).

Table 3. Mean river velocity before, during, and after dredging.

River velocity	Mean (m.s <sup>-1</sup> )
Before dredging	0.63
During dredging	0.64
After dredging	0.64

