

Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Loguercio Urge Federal Government to Keep Breach Open in Bellport Bay

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Farmingville, NY – On August 4, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Michael Loguercio led local and state officials on a boat tour of the Fire Island breach in Bellport Bay. The trip served to highlight the benefits of keeping it open instead of closing the more than 1500 foot gap that was created in 2012 in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. Although a decision has not been made by the US Army Corps of Engineers as to the future of the breach, Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Loguercio agree with environmentalist and baymen who say that the breach has had a positive effect on water quality in the bay and it should remain open.

Supervisor Romaine said, “My position is to let nature take its course as it has for the past four years. The breach has made such a positive impact on the fish and wildlife in and around the bay and once you get out there, it becomes very clear that this is the right thing to do. I ask the Federal Government to leave it open, while at the same time, monitor the breach to see if it expands in size.”

“There aren’t many places like this where you can see the bottom of the bay,” said Councilman Loguercio. “It’s obvious that the water is much cleaner as you get closer to the breach. Those who make their living on the bay or just people who enjoy fishing and other recreational activities, have made their opinions clear that they want to see it remain open.”

Pictured left to right are Supervisor Ed Romaine, Bellport Mayor Ray Fell, Brookhaven Town Chief Environmental Analyst Anthony Graves, Councilman Michael Loguercio and NYS Assemblyman Dean Murray.

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