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I met yesterday with the Task Group on US Market Access (TG USMA) of EUDA (EU dredgers' association) at their request to make the point on the TTIP negotiations. I briefly explained the general state of play after the 11<sup>th</sup> round and the fact that a meeting on transport is set to take place inter-sessionally where our requests relating to maritime services (including dredging) should be further discussed.

EuDA appreciated the joint letter by Commissioners TRADE+MOVE and underlined their interest in the negotiations. They reiterated their strategy (dredging is construction and not transportation so should not be hit by the Jones Act). They mentioned growing interest about a possible opening to EU operators being shown by US ports authorities (I asked for the list). TG USMA also underlined the key role that EU dredging operators play in the construction and maintenance of offshore wind farm and that they are therefore also fully behind this ask; [Art. 4.2]

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