DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

28 February 2014

IN REPLY REFER TO

Dear Great Lakes Stakeholder:

Our Great Lakes shallow draft recreational harbors are facing many challenges due to aging infrastructure and constrained funding, resulting in many critical system needs. As a result of constrained funding, funding for shallow draft recreational harbors in the Great Lakes has been extremely limited. Congress enacted the FY14 Consolidated Appropriations Bill in Jan 2014. Final allocations are expected in early March. At this point we expect that the FY15 President's Budget will also be released in March. To discuss funding issues and other challenges, we have scheduled a meeting to focus specifically on the needs of shallow draft recreational harbors.

Please join us for a meeting specifically on shallow draft harbor issues on Monday, March 17, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Because of the large geographic area that we cover, we will host the meeting in Detroit, Michigan. We will also have Corps staff at seven locations in addition to Detroit. We welcome you to attend in person at any of these locations. We will also have a teleconference call-in number along with a webinar which can be viewed from anywhere.

We will take this opportunity to meet with all interested stakeholders to discuss FY13 accomplishments, FY14 funding, and opportunities for stakeholder involvement. The Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition will also present their organization's goals and latest efforts. Stakeholder feedback is critical to our efforts; I strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to share your concerns, comments, and suggestions with us.

Details on the meeting locations, teleconference call-in number, and webinar are enclosed. Please confirm your plans to attend the meeting with Dave Reaume at (313) 226-6787 or by email at David.A.Reaume@usace.army.mil by Monday, March 10, 2014. In your response please indicate whether you will participate by phone or which location, if you plan to attend in person.

I have included the meeting agenda. Please pass this invitation on to any colleagues who may be interested. I look forward to meeting with you in March.

Sincerely,

Michael K. O'Bryan

Michael K. O'Bryan, P.E.
Great Lakes Navigation Business Line Manager

Great Lakes Shallow Draft Recreational Harbor Stakeholder Meeting
Detroit, Michigan
March 17, 2014

Great Lakes Navigation System

Time	Topic	
1:30-1:40	Welcome; Introductory Remarks - Self introduction of all participants	LTC Robert Ells
1:40-2:30	Recreational Harbor Funding Issues and Status - Funding Process and Trends - 2013 Accomplishments - 2014 Program Summary - System Requirements - Stakeholder Involvement	Mike O'Bryan
2:30 – 2:50	Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition	
2:50-3:20	Stakeholder Feedback—Open Discussion	All
3:20-3:30	Closing Remarks; Next Steps	Mike O'Bryan

Great Lakes Shallow Draft Recreational Harbor Stakeholder Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2014
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST

Great Lakes Navigation System

Meeting Locations

Corps of Engineers
Detroit District Office
477 Michigan Ave
6th Floor, Lake Superior Conference Room
Detroit, MI 48226
POC: Dave Reaume – (313) 226-6787

Corps of Engineers
Duluth, MN Area Office
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Duluth, MN 55802
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312 W. Portage
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783
POC: Jim Peach – (906) 635-3463

Corps of Engineers
Grand Haven, MI Area Office
307 S. Harbor Street
Grand Haven, MI 49417
POC: Dan Clark – (616) 842-5510 ext. 25517

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Kewaunee, WI Area Office
124 N. Main
Kewaunee, WI 54216
POC: Kim Ihlenfeldt – (920) 388-3720 ext. 83710

Corps of Engineers
Chicago, IL District Office
111 North Canal Street - 6th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606
POC: Maria Brambila – (312) 846-5472

Corps of Engineers
Buffalo, NY District Office
1776 Niagara Street
Second Floor, Conference Room A+B
Buffalo, NY 14207
POC: Dave Swiatek – (716) 879-4371

Corps of Engineers
Cleveland, OH Area Office
1035 E. 9th Street
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Cleveland, OH 44114
POC: Vito Melilli – (216) 685-1205

If you are unable to travel to any of these locations, we also have a teleconference call-in number and webinar access:

AUDIO CONFERENCE ACCESS INFORMATION:
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* USA Toll-Free: (877) 336-1829
* PARTICIPANT CODE: 7121446
* SECURITY CODE: 0317

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