

Michigan Harbor Coalition

Feb 6, 2008
Radisson Hotel
Lansing, Michigan
Chuck May, Chair Pro Tem

Meeting Purposes

- Advocate for all Michigan Harbors
- Join together to form a coalition of commercial and shallow draft harbors
- Articulate the need for increased funding NOT reallocating existing funding

Purposes con't

- Develop successful collaboration with agency and political partners
- Discuss systemic harbor problems and issues NOT local harbors
- Solidify community commitment and personal involvement in the Harbor Coalition

Today's Agenda

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- . 1:00 Welcome and Introductions
- . 1:10 Overview of the Meeting
 - . Meeting Purpose
 - . Agenda
 - . Background of Coalition Concept
 - . Overview of our Problems
 - . Seeking Better Process and Cooperation
 - . Coalition Goals
- . 1:30 USACE Update
- . 2:00 Shallow Draft Harbors' Economic Punch
- . 2:30 Break
- . 2:45 Discuss Moving the "Coalition" to the Organization/Strategy Stage
- . 3:30 Discuss Strategic/Organization Issues
- . 4:00 Coalition Volunteers for Leadership
- . 4:45 Decide Next Meeting/Communications
- . 5:00 Adjourn



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First Shallow Draft Harbor Workshop

- Traverse City, Nov 30th 2007
- Held in conjunction with Michigan Boating Industries Recreational Boating Conference
- 20 interested parties attended
- Agreement to pursue the coalition concept and to hold another meeting



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Overview of Harbor Problems

- Silting Channels
- Deteriorating Infrastructure
- Low Water
- Project Backlogs
- Limited Dredging Funds Available
- Low Priority of Small Draft Harbors

SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE!

Potential Coalition Partners

- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Congress/ Administration
- Michigan Legislature/ Michigan Governor
- State Agencies
- Harbor Community Advocates
- Other Great Lakes States

The Present Funding Process

- Inadequate Funding for GL Dredging
- Priority Given to Commercial Harbors Based on Tonnage
- Shallow Draft Harbor Dredging Funded Through “Earmarks”
- Each Harbor Must Lobby for its own funding
- Earmarks are Perceived as PORK!

THE PROCESS IS "BROKEN"

Coalition Goals

- Advocate for a change in the process
- Develop a coalition not only made up of harbors but including stakeholder groups and Gov't
- Make the case of the Economic importance of Shallow Draft Harbors

Goals con't

- Articulate the importance of these Harbors to the future of Michigan
- Move Toward a dedicated fund for shallow draft harbor dredging
- Expand the Coalition to the other Great Lakes States

DISCUSSION

MOVING COALITION TO NEXT
STAGE.

Strategic Issues

- Leadership and Commitment
- Defining Membership
- Mission Statement
- Development An Action Plan

Issues con't

- Financing the Coalition
- Legal Issues
- Communication
- Expansion to Other GL States
- Finding an Agency Home for the Coalition

Leadership Volunteers

NEXT MEETING?

COMMUNICATIONS?