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Team Goal

- ❖ *To more effectively manage the future of our ports and other water access points by striking a balance among new development, historic uses, port expansion, and sustaining resources for the future by:*
 - sustaining and enhancing robust waterfront cultural traditions, commerce, and uses of public trust; and
 - integrating coastal and land use planning tools to balance new development, historic uses, port expansion, and sustained resources for the future.
- ❖ *The Working Waterfronts Team will work to:*
 - Support port development/maintenance and effective coastal planning
 - Planning for energy development
 - Strike a balance between new development, historic uses and sustained resources
 - Ensure public access

2014 Team Work Plan

- ❖ WW1A: Integrate regional long-range planning for both commercial and federal ports emphasizing multi-modal, multi-use capacity, and promoting the use of existing infrastructure and navigational channels through increased communication between member states.
- ❖ WW1C/WW2C: Identify and inventory contemporary and historical, recreational working waterfront sites as well as public access infrastructure and support facilities.
- ❖ WW2A: Limit the loss of recreational and commercial waterfronts by encouraging the use of waterway and land-use planning and policy options.

Implementation Action WW1A(3)

- ❖ Identify areas that experience chronic navigational problems due to sedimentation or other navigational hindrances that could be alleviated by dredging (WW1A3, Task 4).
 - Collected and evaluated information
 - Presented findings
 - Explored costs and needs to achieve AIWW maintenance
- * Led to Section 2008 in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 requiring USACE to report operation and maintenance needs to Congress.



Implementation Action WW1A(3)

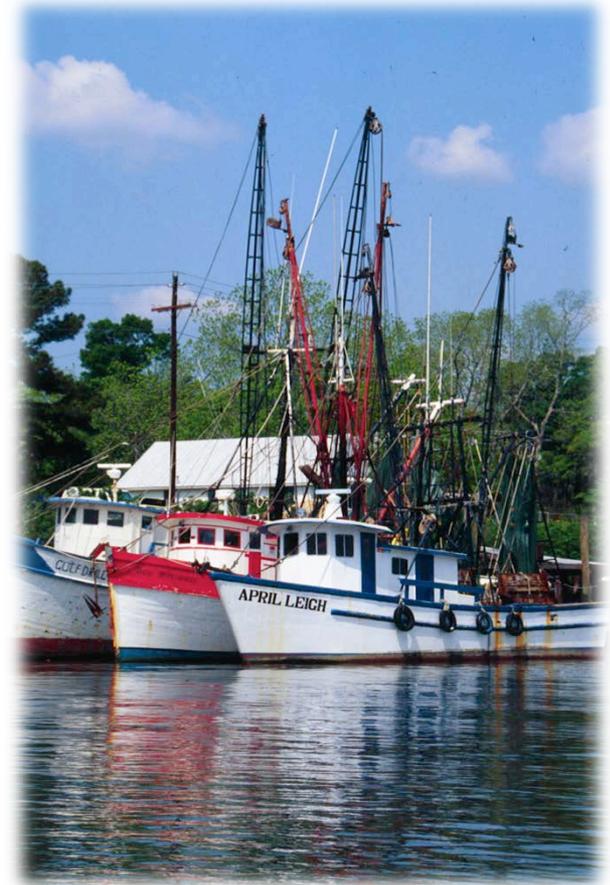
Ongoing Activities in 2014-15

- Work with Congress and USACE to identify maintenance costs.
- Continue to serve as a repository of information for maintenance needs.
- Finish report and distribute information.
- Support federal, state and local efforts in waterway maintenance.



Implementation Action WW1C/WW2C

- ❖ Identify criteria and create an integrated database of all traditional working waterfronts and associated public access facilities.
 - Established criteria
 - Identified and compiled existing public access datasets (e.g., boat ramps, marinas).
 - Exploring ways of developing and maintaining a regionally accessible state and local database.



Implementation Action WW2A

- ❖ Limit the loss of recreational and commercial waterfronts by encouraging the use of waterway and land-use planning and policy options, expand the level and type of technical assistance available, and foster partnerships with organizations engaged in similar efforts (WW2A4 & 5).
 - Student proposal to compile waterway and land-use planning and policy options in a clearing house format that would be available as a resource for communities challenged with balancing diverse uses.
 - Identify communities that have local ordinances and policies for water-dependent uses or water-related uses.
 - Research and compile resources to assist communities with preserving/maintaining working waterfronts.
 - Coordinate with the National Working Waterfronts Network

Resiliency



- ❖ WWIATT is focused on economic and social resilience.
- ❖ A key component is identifying the impacts of use changes to working waterfronts on the resilience of coastal communities.
- ❖ WWIATT will seek to sustain and enhance waterfront cultural traditions, commerce, and uses of the region's waterways by supporting resilient coastal communities and economies.

Resiliency

- ❖ **Improve the capability and vitality of ports and working waterfronts.... (W.W.1)**
 - Forecast and research adaptation needs for regional ports
 - Prioritize regional needs based on both commercial and recreational needs
- ❖ **Ensure sustainable economic viability of working waterfronts.... (W.W.2)**
 - Promote multi-use working waterfront and associated facilities
 - Monitor and track changes of land uses
 - Promote heritage and nature-based tourism
 - Create standards for providing access when loss is inevitable
- ❖ **Address the viability and effect of energy development....(W.W.3)**
 - Inventory job training and education needs for changing waterfront facilities
 - Ensure military training and operations are sustained

Resiliency

- Bullets

