



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

477 MICHIGAN AVENUE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

12 February 2016

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. In recent years, funding for shallow draft recreational harbors in the Great Lakes has been extremely limited. Congress enacted the FY16 Consolidated Appropriations Bill on December 18, 2015. Final allocations were released on February 9, 2016. The FY17 President's Budget was also released on February 9, 2016. We have scheduled a meeting to focus specifically on the needs of shallow draft recreational harbors and to discuss funding issues and system requirements.

Please join us for a Shallow Draft Recreational Harbor meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 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 FY15 accomplishments, FY16 and FY17 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 Ryan Mandigo at (313) 226-6796 or by email at [Ryan.L.Mandigo@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ryan.L.Mandigo@usace.army.mil) by Monday, February 29, 2016. 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 along with this invitation. Please pass this invitation on to any colleagues who may be interested. I look forward to meeting with you in March.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael K. O'Bryan".

Michael K. O'Bryan, P.E.

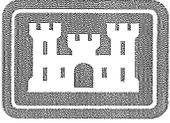
Great Lakes Navigation Business Line Manager



**Great Lakes Shallow Draft Recreational Harbor  
Stakeholder Meeting  
Detroit, Michigan  
March 2, 2016**



<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
10:00-10:10	Welcome; Introductory Remarks - Self introduction of all participants	LTC Michael Sellers
10:10-11:00	Recreational Harbor Funding Issues and Status - Funding Process and Trends - 2015 Accomplishments - 2016 Program Summary - 2017 President's Budget - System Requirements - Stakeholder Involvement	Mike O'Bryan
11:00-11:20	Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition	Chuck May
11:20-11:50	Stakeholder Feedback—Open Discussion	All
11:50-12:00	Closing Remarks; Next Steps	Mike O'Bryan



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**Meeting Locations**

Corps of Engineers  
Detroit District Office  
477 Michigan Ave  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lake Superior Conference Room  
Detroit, MI 48226  
POC: Ryan Mandigo - (313) 226-6796

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Duluth, MN Area Office  
600 S. Lake Avenue  
Duluth, MN 55802  
POC: Ed Parzych - (218) 720-5260 ext. 35262

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Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783  
POC: Jim Peach - (906) 635-3463

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

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Kewaunee, WI 54216  
POC: Kim Ihlenfeldt - (920) 388-3720 ext. 83710

Corps of Engineers  
Chicago, IL District Office  
231 S. La Salle Street, #1500  
Chicago, IL 60604  
POC: Maria Brambila - (312) 846-5472  
Jeff MacDonald – (312) 846-5429

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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
First Floor Conference Room  
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: 0302

WEB MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION:

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- \* Web Meeting Address: <https://www.webmeeting.att.com>
  - \* Meeting Number(s): (877) 336-1829
  - \* PARTICIPANT CODE: 7121446
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