

# GREAT LAKES SMALL HARBORS COALITION

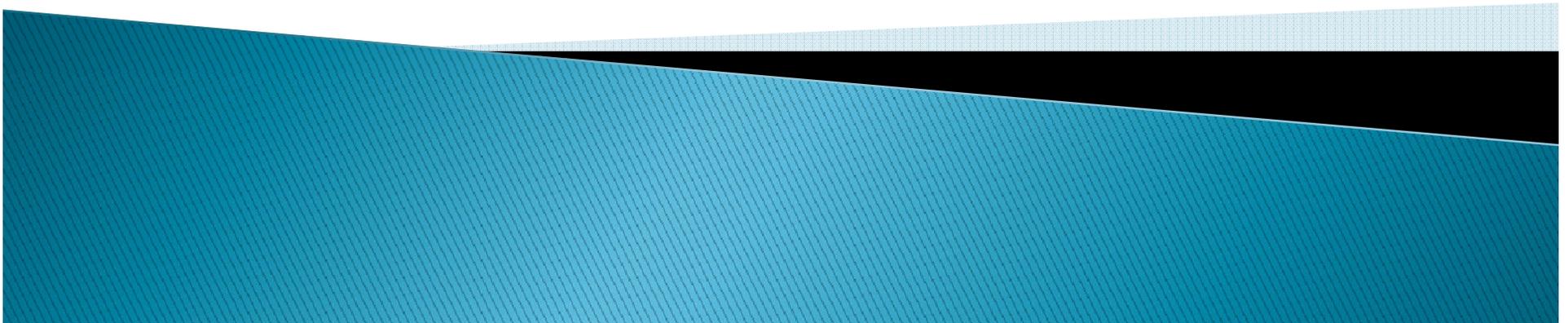
STATUS OF THE COALITION

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

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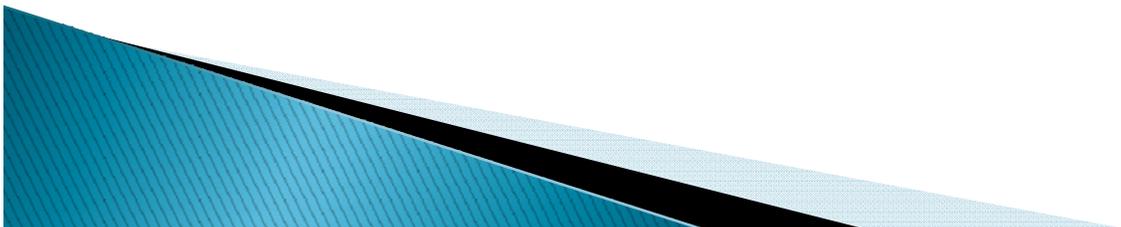
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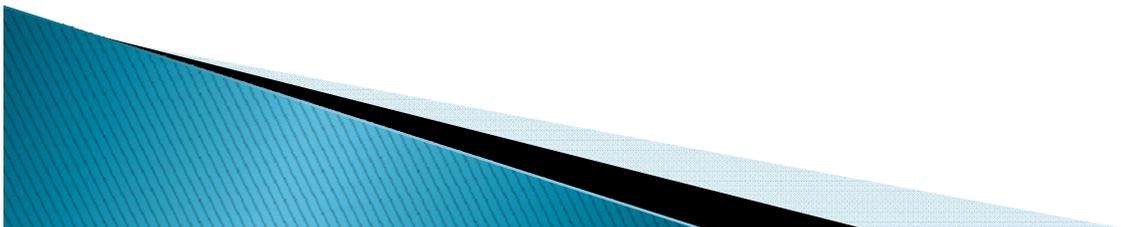
# THE START

- ▶ Two years ago—Feb. 2008
- ▶ Coalition to unify grass roots voices
- ▶ In 2007--No funding for shallow draft
  - Minimal funding for commercial harbors
  - Harbors silting in
  - Ships going aground
  - Ships light loaded
  - Lives endangered, some lost
- ▶ Mission:-- Immediate funding for critical dredging
  - Equitable, sustainable, needs based budget process



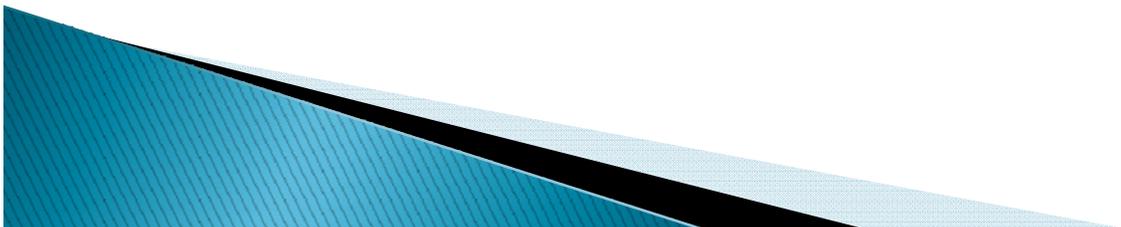
# APPROACH

- ▶ Unify all harbors—commercial & shallow draft
- ▶ Resolutions of Support from harbor communities & advocate organizations
- ▶ Help them help us!
  - Senators & Representatives
  - Army Corps of Engineers
  - Waterways Commission/DNR
- ▶ Communicate economic benefit of Great Lakes recreational boating (\$5.5 bil)



# APPROACH con't

- ▶ Partner with other organizations with common cause
  - Lake Carriers Assoc.
  - American Great Lakes Ports Assoc.
  - Realize America's Maritime Promise (RAMP)
  - Atlantic Intracoastal Waterways Assoc.
  - National Waterways Conference
- ▶ Spread Coalition Great Lakes wide (119 Harbors, 8 Senators, 125 Representatives)



# Federal Harbors on the Great Lakes



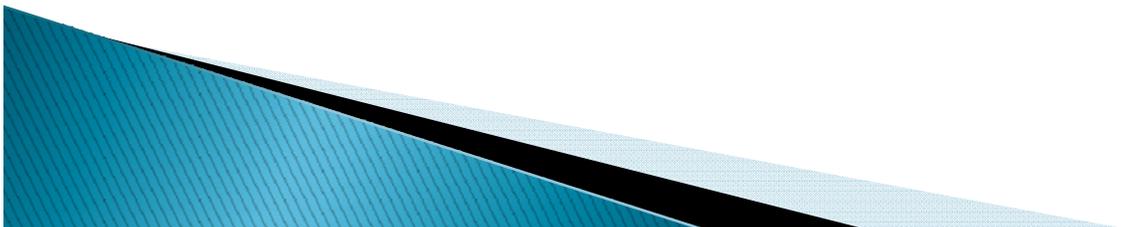
✓ A non-linear navigation system with 63 federal commercial harbors and 74 federal shallow draft/recreational harbors

✓ Some shallow draft harbors are subsistence harbors or support commercial transportation (ferries) or commercial fishing activities

# RESULTS

## Michigan (57 Harbors)

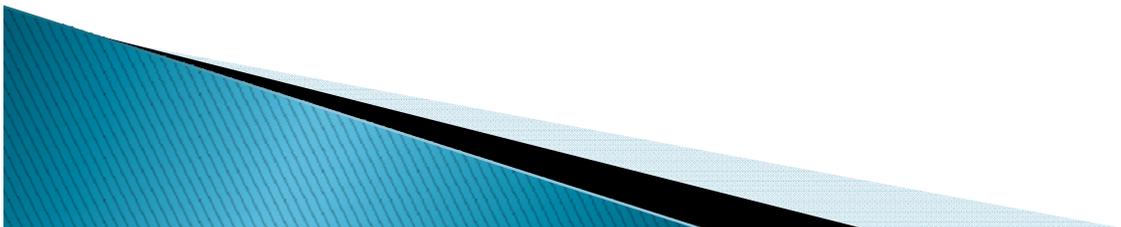
- ▶ 75% of harbor communities with Resolutions
- ▶ 2009 – \$6 million lump sum for dredging
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- ▶ Total of \$12 million
- ▶ Average of \$210,000 for 57 harbors
- ▶ 23 harbor dredgings
- ▶ Senators & Representatives propose “firewalling” Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF)



# RESULTS

## New York ( 17 Harbors)

- ▶ Two kick-off meetings in October 2009
- ▶ Seven Resolutions of Support
- ▶ Representatives propose \$3–5 mil. for 2011 budget
- ▶ Representatives proposing WRDA to firewall HMTF



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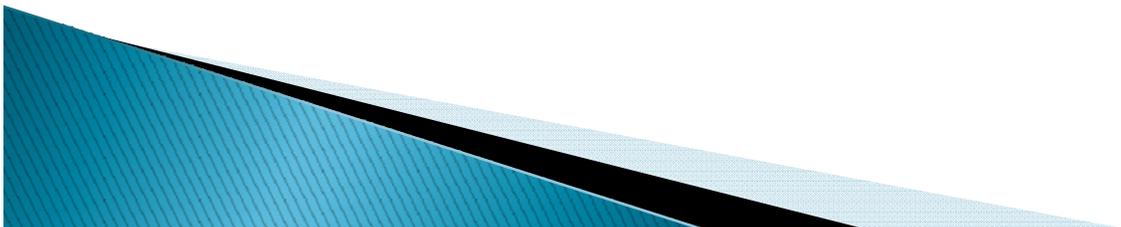
## Ohio (14 Harbors)

- ▶ Kick-off meeting in September 2009
- ▶ Three Resolutions of Support
- ▶ “Buzz” is building!

## Wisconsin (20 Harbors)

- ▶ Meeting with Wisconsin Marine Assoc. on March 12, 2010

Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania  
(11 Harbors) TBD

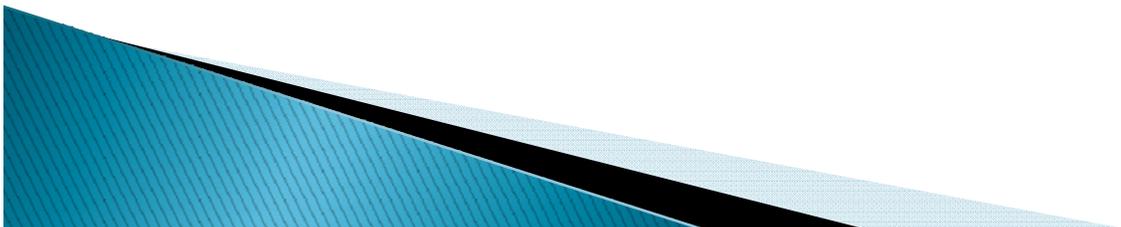


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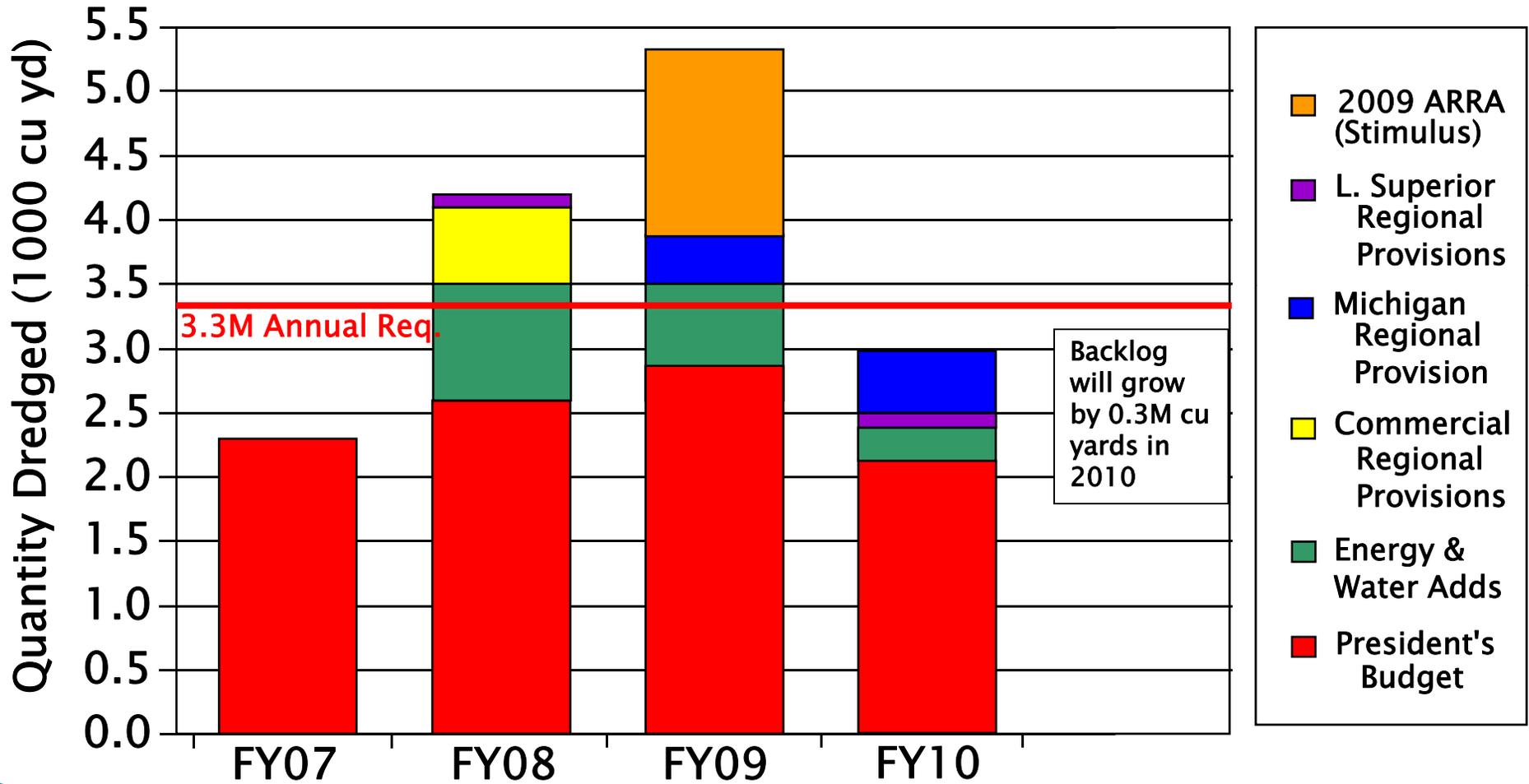
- ▶ Resolutions of Support

Official Resolutions	76
Citizens Represented	1.7 Million

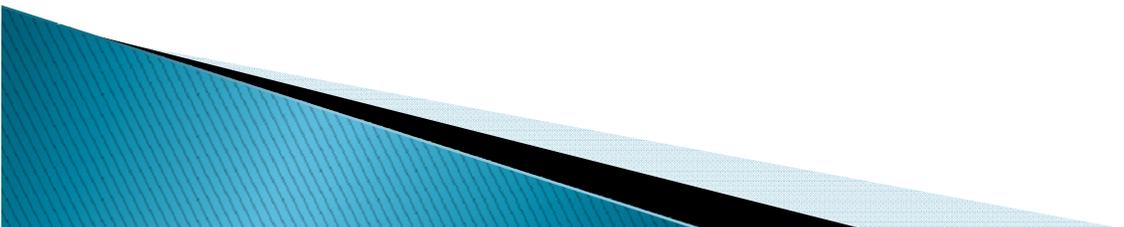
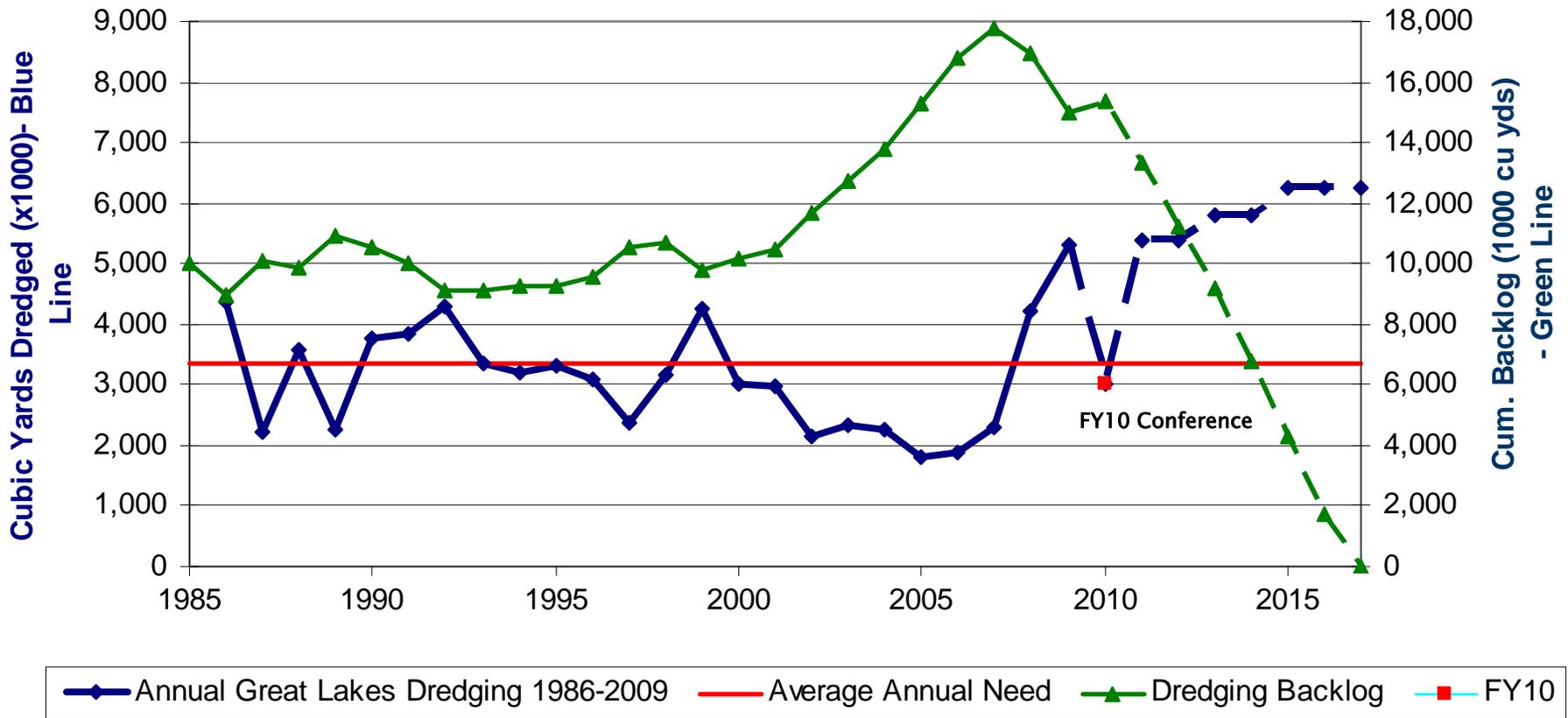
- ▶ Overall, remarkable growth in two years!



## Dredging Funding Trends 2007 - 2010

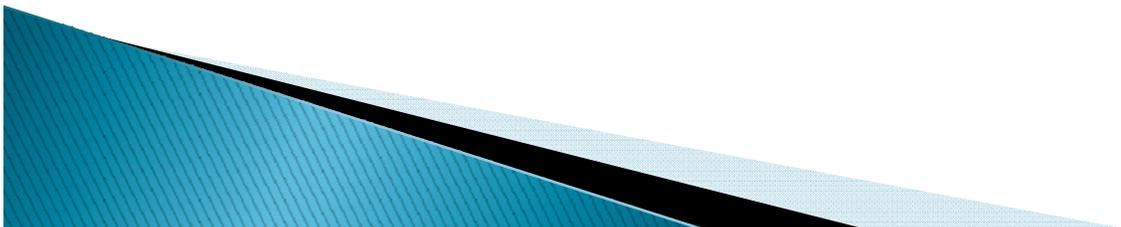


# Path Forward to Reduce Backlog 2010-2017



# NEEDED ACTIONS!

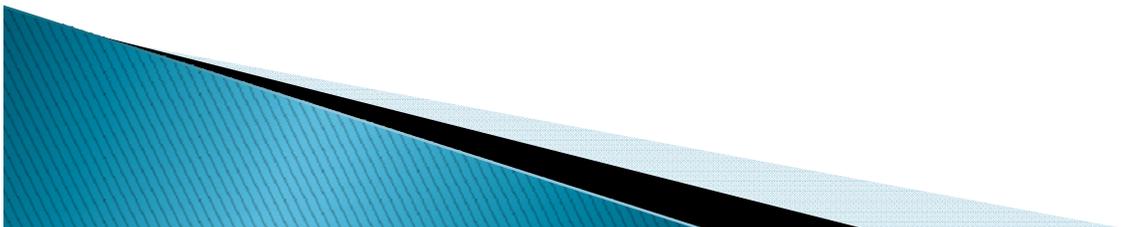
- ▶ GLSHC to develop a formal structure and plan for sustainability
- ▶ GLSHC to continue advocacy for one lump funding appropriations for Corps' use throughout Great Lakes harbors
- ▶ GLSHC will continue pushing for adequate funding in President's budget and firewalling the HMTF for its intended purpose



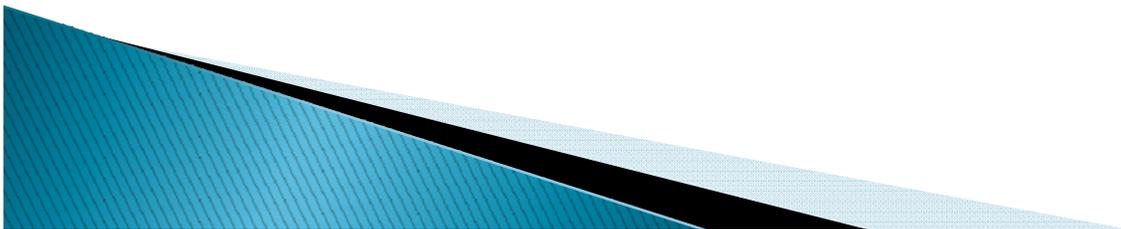
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## Con't

- ▶ All federally authorized harbors on Great Lakes need to approve Resolutions of Support
- ▶ Harbor communities to submit requests for needed dredging and/or infrastructure to Senators/Representatives by mid-Feb. 2010
  - Contact Army Corps office re. support
  - Talk to local congressional contacts
  - Submit formal request
  - Copy to Chuck May



Thanks to the Army Corps' Great Lakes Offices  
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