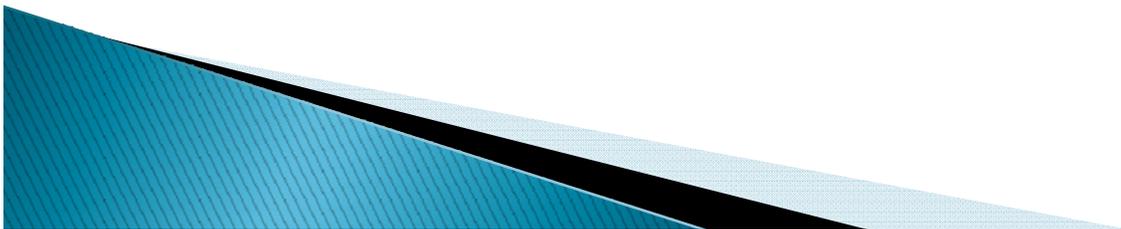


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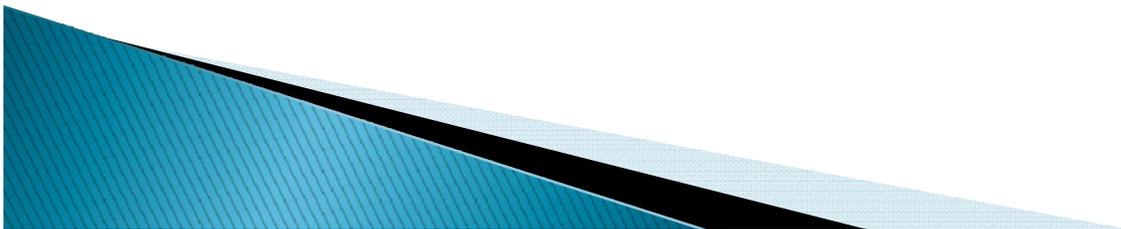


# HARBOR MAINTENANCE

“A CRISIS IN THE MAKING!”

“THE FEDERAL GOV’T IS CUTTING US ADRIFT”

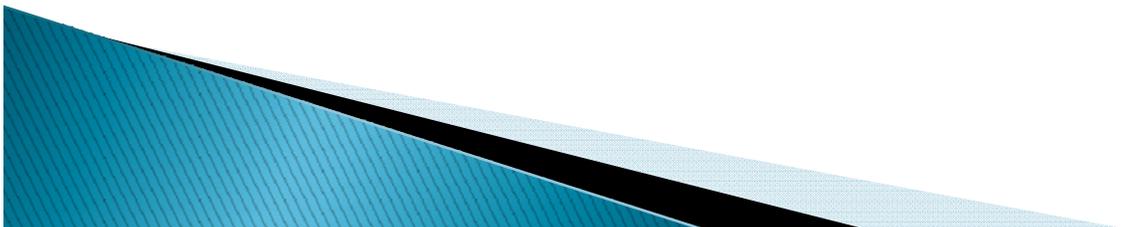
“WHERE WERE YOU WHEN \_\_\_\_\_?”





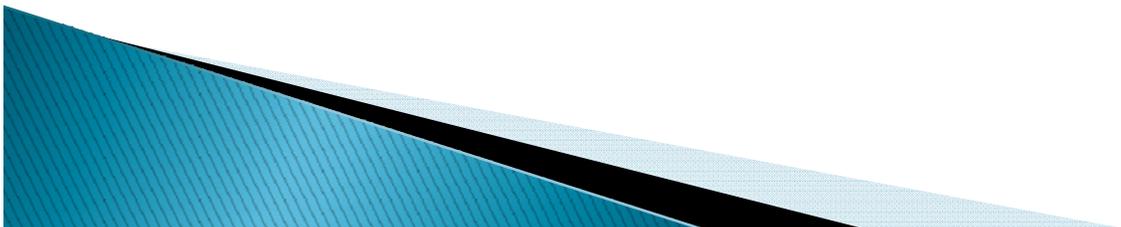
# CITIZENS

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Ports	5,030,000	10,775,000
Harbors	<u>1,620,000</u>	<u>8,975,000</u>
TOTAL	6,650,000	19,750,000



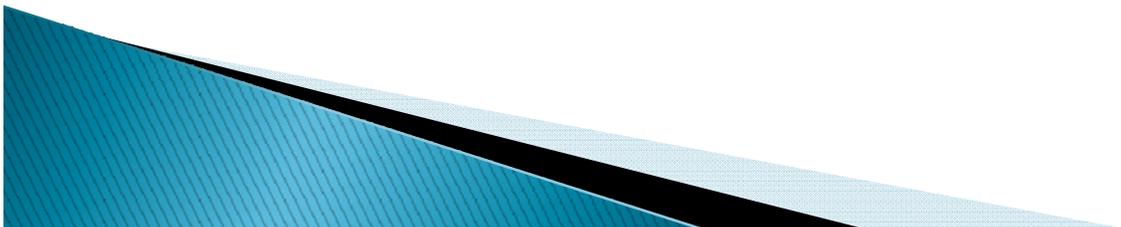
# GLSHC MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Unified Grassroots Voice
- ▶ Earmarks = Broken Process
- ▶ Mission: Equitable, sustainable, and needs based budget process
- ▶ 110 Resolutions of Support (incl. Advocate Orgs.)
- ▶ 70 Harbor Communities (60%)
- ▶ Over 4 million citizens (50%)



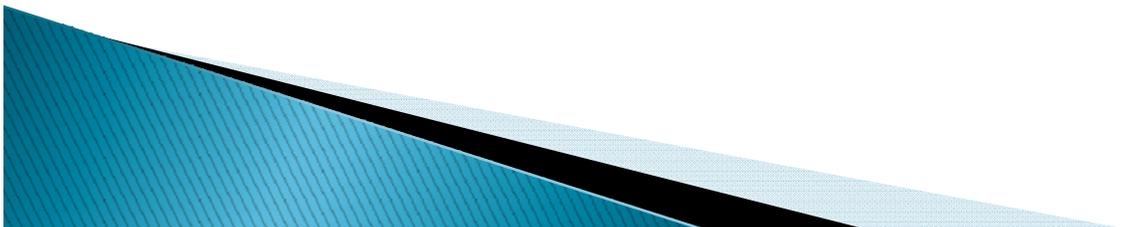
# GLSHC MEMBERS BY STATE

▶ Michigan	45 of 57	80%
▶ New York	12 of 20	60%
▶ Ohio	6 of 14	46%
▶ Wisconsin	6 of 18	33%
▶ Minnesota	0 of 3	0%
▶ Indiana	0 of 2	0%
▶ Illinois	1 of 1	100%
▶ Pennsylvania	<u>0 of 0</u>	<u>0%</u>
▶ TOTAL	70 of 115	60%



# 2012 FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

▶ Ports & Waterways	14
▶ Harbors > 1 mil. Tons	<u>14</u>
▶ <b>ELIGIBLE TO FUND</b>	<b>28</b>
▶ Low-Use Commercial	35
▶ Shallow Draft	<u>74</u>
▶ <b>NOT ELIGIBLE TO FUND</b>	<b>109</b>



# 14 HARBORS ELIGIBLE

## Michigan

Presque Isle

Alpena

Muskegon

Charlevoix

Grand Haven

Marquette

## Minnesota

Two Harbors

## Ohio

Ashtabula

Conneaut

Sandusky

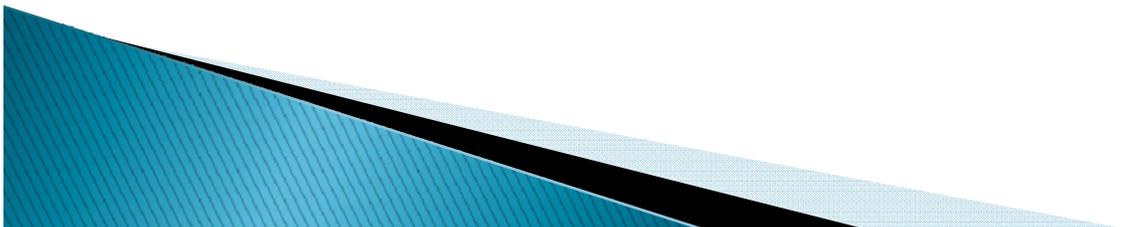
Lorain

Fairport

Huron

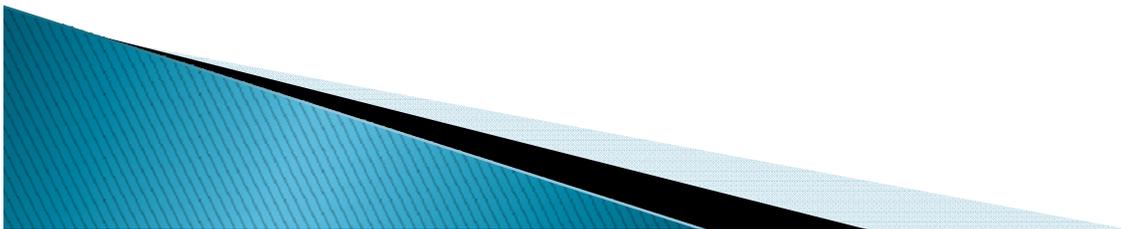
## New York

Buffalo



# 2012 DREDGING

- ▶ 11 of 137 Funded
- ▶ 6 Ports, 3 Waterways, 2 Harbors
- ▶ Grand Haven, Mi.
- ▶ Lorain, Oh.



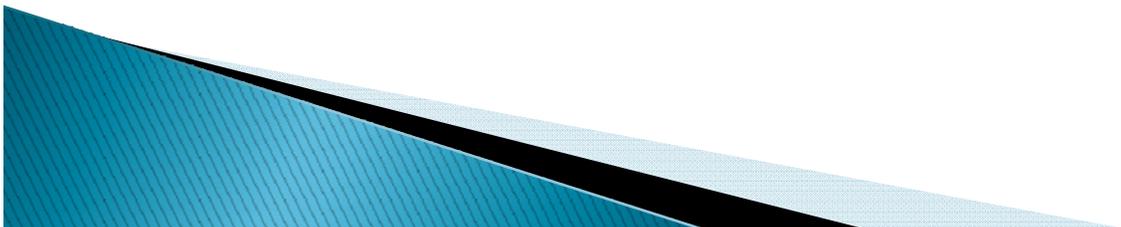
# WHAT IS THE COST?

- ▶ Dredging (Great Lakes Wide)

<u>Facts:</u> Shallow Draft	\$10 mil.
Com'l (<1 mil. Ton)	<u>\$10 mil.</u>

Total Annual	<u>\$20 mil.</u>
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- ▶ Infrastructure – Annual \$20 mil.

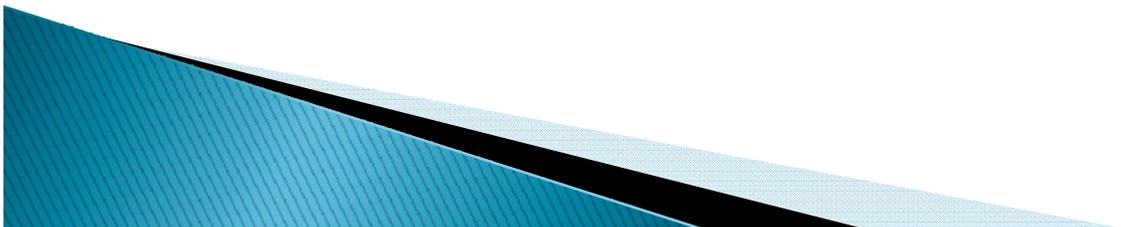


# WHERE IS THE MONEY?

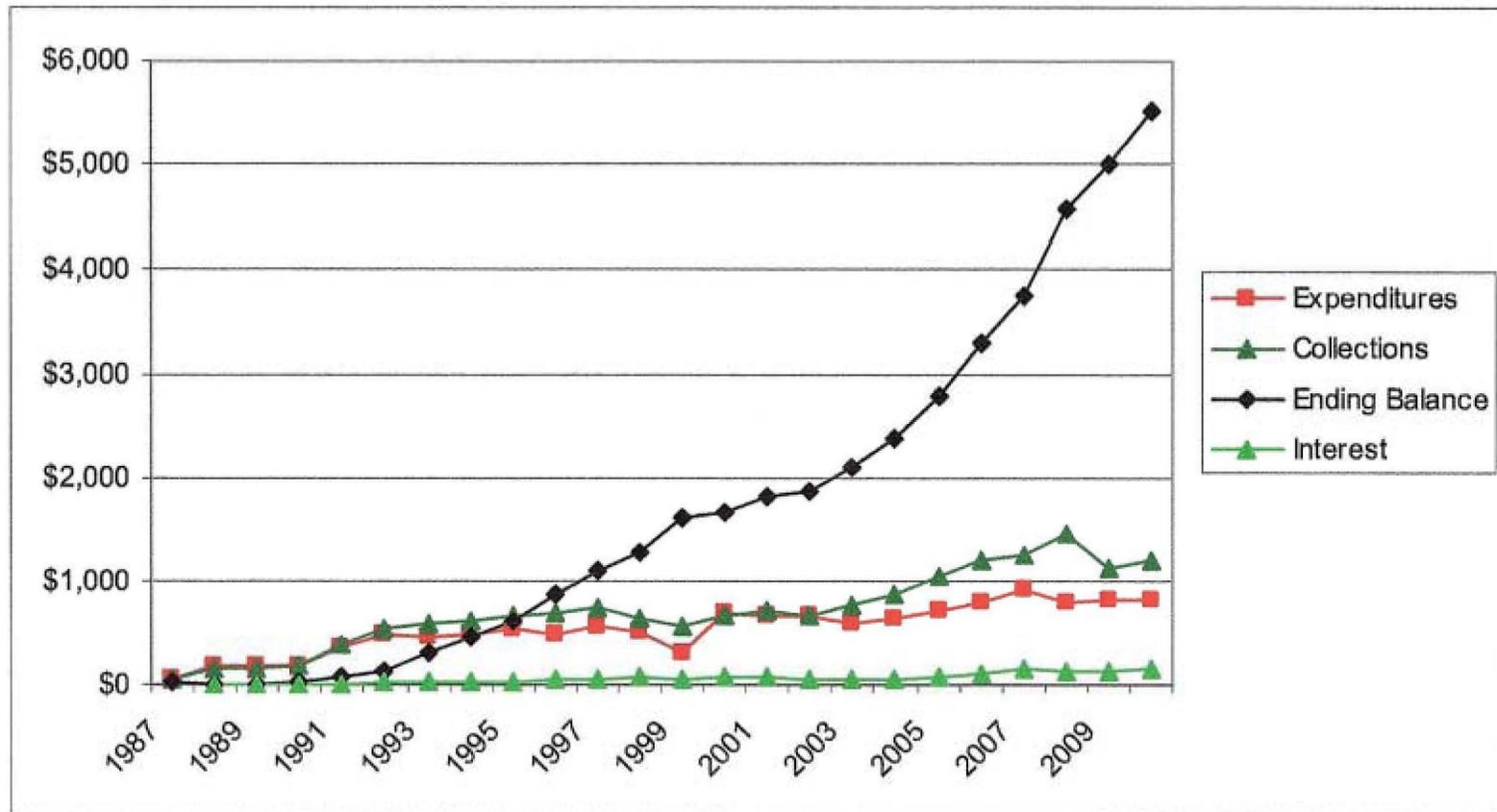
- ▶ Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT)

	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Pays</u>
1986	.04%	40%
1990	.125%	100%

- ▶ Purpose: Ad Valorem Tax on ship cargo and passenger tickets to fund the operation and maintenance of nation's harbors.

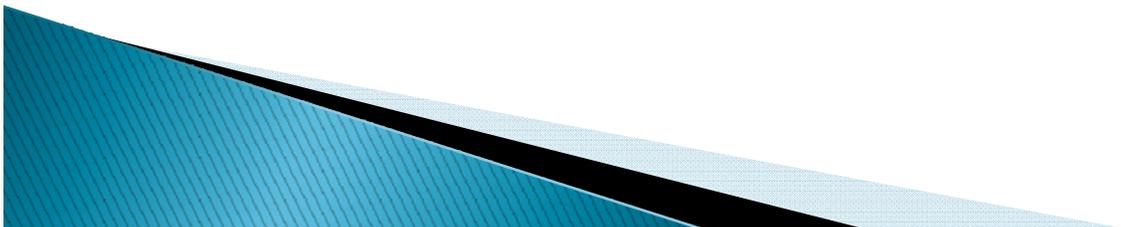


**Figure I. HMTF Balance**  
(\$ in millions)



# ECONOMIC BENEFIT (SHALLOW DRAFT)

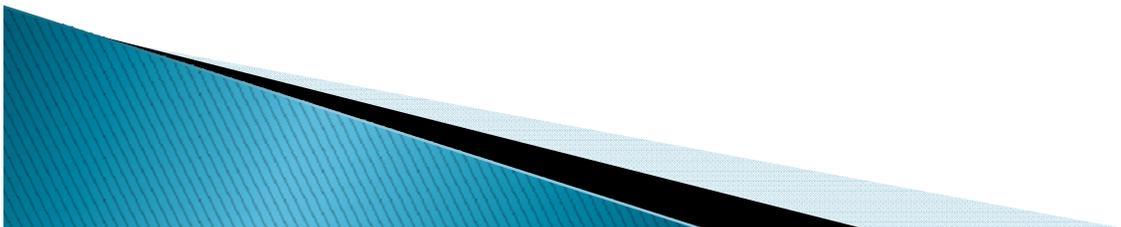
- ▶ Annual Economic Impact \$5.5 bil.  
(Source: John Glen Study)
- ▶ Annual Payback on Dredging 550X
- ▶ Jobs!! Over 60,000
- ▶ Hello, Keep The Harbors Open!



# RAMP ACT

Bills S.412 and H.R.104

“Mandate 100% of HMT is spent annually to maintain Nation’s federal harbors.”



# S. 412 CO-SPONSORS

Nationwide 33 (33%)

Great Lakes 10 (63%)

Illinois 1 (Kirk)

Indiana 0

Michigan 2

Minnesota 2

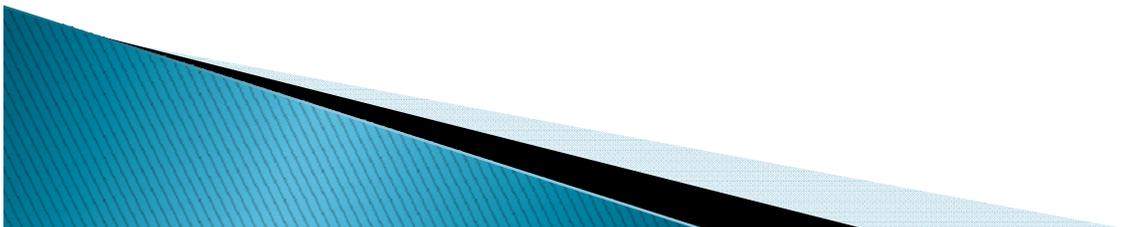
New York 2

Ohio 2

Pennsylvania 0

Wisconsin 1

(Johnson)



# H.R.104 CO-SPONSORS

Nationwide 172 (40%)

Great Lakes States 58 (46%)

Michigan 13 of 15

Pennsylvania 6 of 19

Illinois 13 of 19

Wisconsin 4 of 8

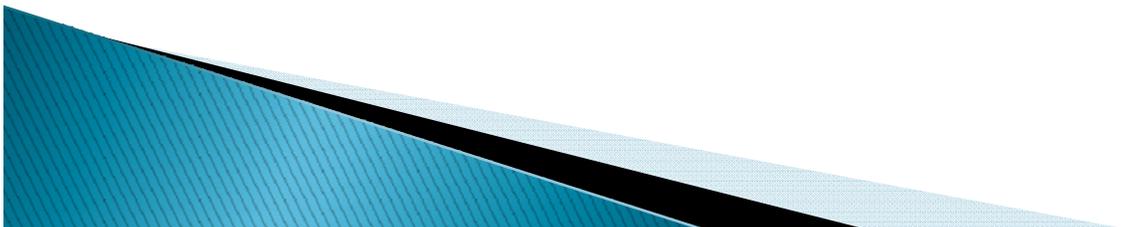
Ohio 10 of 18

Minnesota 2 of 8

New York 8 of 29

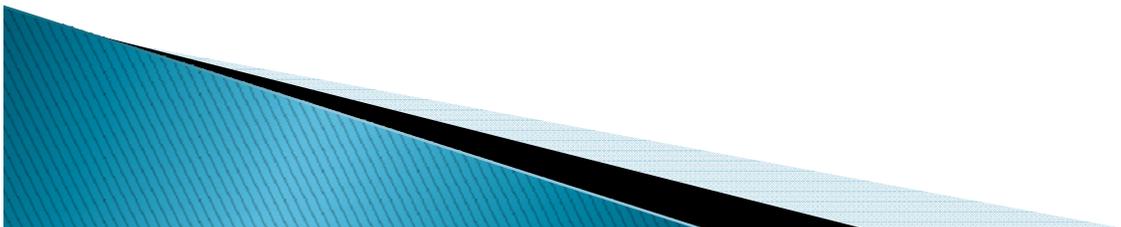
Indiana 2 of 9

**GREAT LAKES 57 of 125**



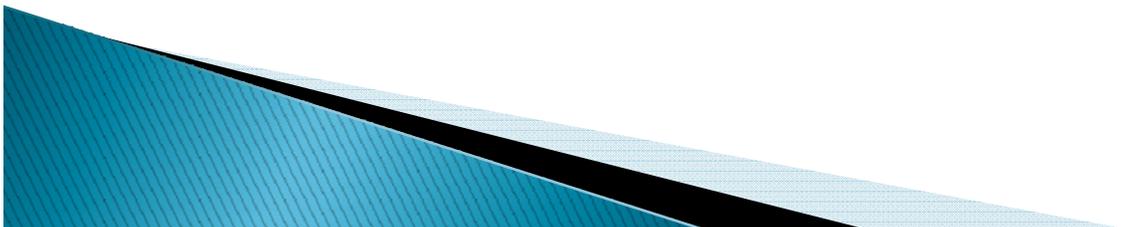
# POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS

- 1) Pass H.R.104 & S.412 stand alone  
(low)
- 2) Add to Appropriations Bill(s)  
(soft/maybe)
- 3) WRDA (no)



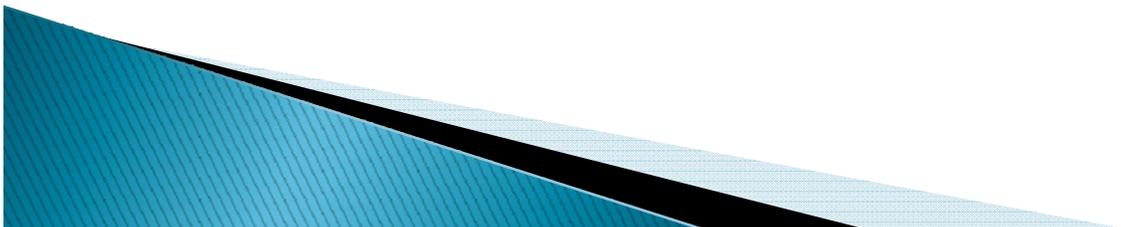
# FURTHER ROADBLOCKS

- 1) Rules or points of order
- 2) Budget caps - Corps has to off-set?
- 3) D.C. chaos - Admin., Corps, House, Senate
- 4) D.C. attitude - let the harbors loose
- 5) Allocation process - G.L.'s, small harbors, infrastructure?



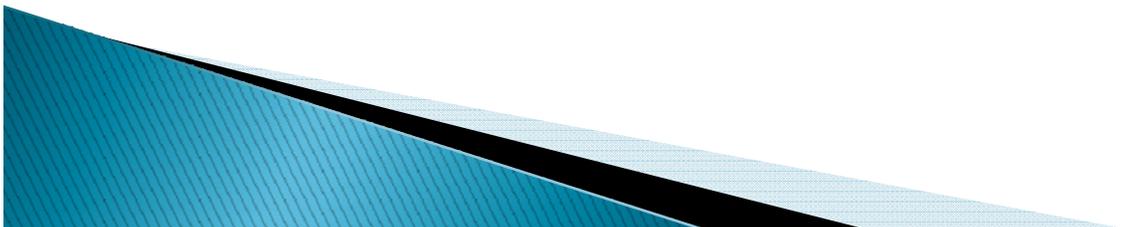
# WHAT NEEDS DONE

- ▶ GLSHC D.C. Presentations 2/14 and 2/28
  - G.L. Congressional Staffs
  - G.L Commissioners, Agencies, et.al.
- ▶ Sign Resolutions of Support
- ▶ Engage Your Senators & Representatives
  - Co-sponsor and Pass S.412 & H.R.104
  - Attach to Transportation or other Bill
  - Unify G.L. Congressional Delegation
  - Make an Issue with Corps Generals



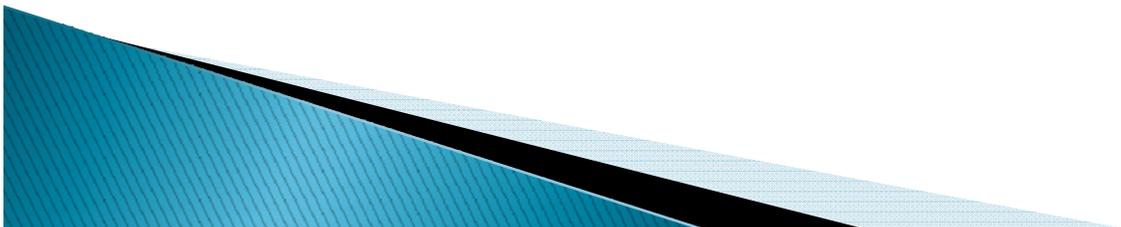
# WHAT NEEDS DONE con't

- ▶ Engage your:
  - Council or Boards
  - Chambers of Commerce Assoc.
  - Association of Mayors
  - Yacht Associations
  - Fishing Organizations
- ▶ Volunteer to help GLSHC:
  - Communications
  - State/Area Coordinators
  - Ideas/Doers
  - Leaders



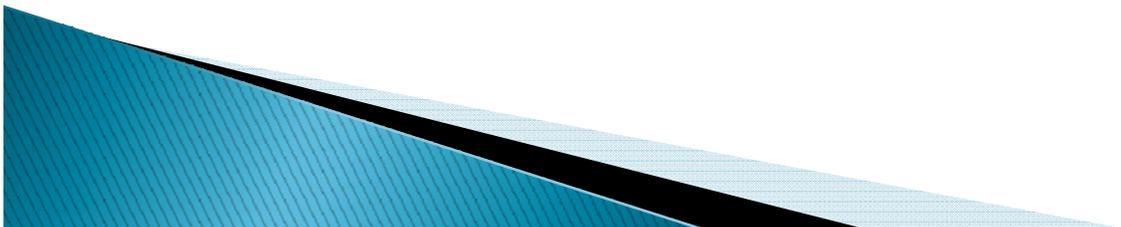
# MAKE NOISE!

- ▶ GLSHC increasingly “in the game”, but not winning—Where is our “fan noise”?
- ▶ When/how often is this crisis on your council, board, commissioners agendas?
- ▶ Where does this issue rank in your community’s priorities?
- ▶ Do we need “bus loads” to D.C.?
- ▶ Our votes this fall?



# IT IS A CRISIS!

- ▶ Some low use commercial harbors “closed.”
- ▶ Next, sailboats; then fishing/recreational boats.
- ▶ Personal safety issue.
- ▶ Community survival.





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