



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

477 MICHIGAN AVENUE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

28 February 2014

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, resulting in many critical system needs. As a result of constrained funding, funding for shallow draft recreational harbors in the Great Lakes has been extremely limited. Congress enacted the FY14 Consolidated Appropriations Bill in Jan 2014. Final allocations are expected in early March. At this point we expect that the FY15 President's Budget will also be released in March. To discuss funding issues and other challenges, we have scheduled a meeting to focus specifically on the needs of shallow draft recreational harbors.

Please join us for a meeting specifically on shallow draft harbor issues on Monday, March 17, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 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 FY13 accomplishments, FY14 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 Dave Reaume at (313) 226-6787 or by email at [David.A.Reaume@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.A.Reaume@usace.army.mil) by Monday, March 10, 2014. 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. 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 black ink 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 17, 2014**



<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
1:30-1:40	Welcome; Introductory Remarks - Self introduction of all participants	LTC Robert Ells
1:40-2:30	Recreational Harbor Funding Issues and Status - Funding Process and Trends - 2013 Accomplishments - 2014 Program Summary - System Requirements - Stakeholder Involvement	Mike O'Bryan
2:30 – 2:50	Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition	
2:50-3:20	Stakeholder Feedback—Open Discussion	All
3:20-3:30	Closing Remarks; Next Steps	Mike O'Bryan



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1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST**



**Meeting Locations**

Corps of Engineers  
Detroit District Office  
477 Michigan Ave  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lake Superior Conference Room  
Detroit, MI 48226  
POC: Dave Reaume – (313) 226-6787

Corps of Engineers  
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 Area Office  
312 W. Portage  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783  
POC: Jim Peach – (906) 635-3463

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

Corps of Engineers  
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124 N. Main  
Kewaunee, WI 54216  
POC: Kim Ihlenfeldt – (920) 388-3720 ext. 83710

Corps of Engineers  
Chicago, IL District Office  
231 S. LaSalle St. – Suite 1500  
Chicago, IL 60604  
POC: Maria Brambila – (312) 846-5472

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  
Second 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: 0317

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
  - \* SECURITY CODE: 0317

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