

# GLDT Meeting

November 23, 2004

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. EST

**Facilitator:** Victoria, GLC

**Note taker:** Becky Lameka, GLC

**Attendees:**

James P. Casey, IL DNR  
Steve West, IN DEM  
James Bredin, MI DEQ  
Ray Skelton, Duluth Port Authority  
Mike Peloquin, MN DNR  
James H.I. Weakly, Lakes Carriers Association  
Dave Mackey  
Paul A. Alsenas, Cuyohoga County Planning  
Donald J. Benczkowski, PA DEP  
Lori Boughton  
William Fitzpatrick, WI DNR  
Larry Kieck, WI DOT  
Jan Miller, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, USACE

Wayne Schloop, Detroit District, USACE  
Bill Harder, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, USACE  
Bonnie Eleder, USEPA  
Floyd Miras, Maritime Administration  
J. Todd Goeks, NOAA  
Janet Smith, USFWS  
Megan Seymour, USFWS  
Scott Pickard, Buffalo District USACE  
Richard Greenwood, USFWS  
Don Wadleigh, Chicago District, USACE  
Dave Knight, GLC  
Victoria Pebbles, GLC  
Becky Lameka, GLC

## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Welcome new Co-chairs

**Presenter:** Victoria Pebbles

**Discussion:**

The new co-chairs were introduced; The federal co-chair is Wayne Schloop, Chief of Operations, USACE Detroit District, and the state co-chair is Mike Peloquin, Minnesota DNR.

Jan Miller added two more items to the agenda: an update on appropriations and the Ohio 401 certification issue

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**Agenda item:** Mineland Reclamation Workgroup Report Out

**Presenter:** Don. Wadleigh

**Discussion:**

The Mineland Reclamation Workgroup convened two teleconferences. The first one took place on October 21. During the call, Andrew Varos made a presentation about a successful mineland reclamation project from the New York/ New Jersey COAST [\(Commission on Ocean and Shore Trust\)](#).

A second call on November 18 resulted in the following draft goal statement for a mineland rec/beneficial reuse conference: *Identify potential markets in the Great Lakes region for beneficial use of dredged material alone or in combination with industrial residues such as coal ash to reclaim contaminated land (brownfields, mines, etc.).* The workgroup is looking at opportunities to “piggy back” other relevant conferences/meetings or to partner with other organizations. It was noted that a coal ash meeting will convene in Lexington, Kentucky in April and a residuals materials meeting in Chicago in the summer '05. A potential partnership is with the Environmental Technology Council (a collaborative group between EPA Region 5 and EPA Region 2).

Most GLDT members agreed that the workgroup should continue and should pursue the investigation the opportunities for both a stand-alone conference and a GLDT presence at a variety of existing venues.

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**Agenda item:** Windows Advisory Team Update and Final Report

**Presenter:** Dave Knight

**Discussion:**

The main activity for the Windows Advisory Team is to foster the science behind and monitoring of set environmental windows for dredging. Field work is scheduled for fall '04 did not happen because of the bad weather. GLDT members agreed that the Windows Advisory Team should continue to do their work and seek new funding. Funding sources for this effort could be EPA, FWS and USGS, and CZM (although state CZMP funds local community projects).

FWS is to be included into the Windows Advisory Team activities.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Develop a 1 page fact sheet on the WAT for FWS	Dave Knight	Dec. 6

**Agenda item:** Update on Draft Recreational Boating Report **Presenter:** Dave Knight

**Discussion:**

The draft Recreational Boating Report is under review by the project advisory committee and the USACE. Its findings and data will be available, state by state, via the Great Lakes Dredging Team site, although official release of the final report from Washington may not occur for some time. Phase II of the Recreational Boating Study is an economic impact study of existing and planned marinas including Canadian data. A template for calculating economic impact will be available on the Internet.

**Agenda item:** Comments on National Dredging Team RDT Draft Agenda **Presenter:** Co-chairs; all

**Discussion:**

The NDT/RDT Meeting will take place February 9 and 10 in Annapolis. A few GLDT members found the agenda to be too general and more specificity to arrive to "meaty" conclusions.

Other comments include:

- Covering mineland reclamation into the topic area, "Planning for dredged material management in a watershed context"
- Covering the Duluth-Superior Harbor into the DMMP implementation discussion
- Covering environmental windows.
- Covering other states practices of open water placement of dredged materials

Victoria Pebbles encouraged GLDT attendance to the NDT meeting. Members who are going attend or thinking about it include Larry Kiek, Bonnie Eleder, Wayne Schloop and GLC Staff.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ GLC staff will compile comments and circulate to GLDT for review and comments. Then, GLC staff will send comments to NDT.	Victoria Pebbles	Dec. 3

**Agenda item:** Appropriations Update **Presenter:** Jan Miller

**Discussion:**

Energy and water appropriations were part of the omnibus appropriations. WRDA was almost included as part of the omnibus.

O&M appropriations went from \$90 million (last year) to \$80 million and \$10 to \$15 million in adds

204 Beneficial Use authority received \$3 million for the Great Lakes region

The Corps DOER/DOTS received appropriate funding levels

The Navigation Study got cut back to \$1.65 million

Funds for environmental dredging were appropriated for Ashtabula, the Fox River, Indiana Harbor Grand Cal and Buffalo.

**Agenda item:** Ohio 410 Certification Update **Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

Settlement is pending on the 401 Ohio EPA certification issue for Toledo Harbor. The Corps challenged Ohio EPA for not issuing a 401 certification. A lengthy legal confrontation has been averted. Beneficial use seems to be key in sediment management for the future. OH DNR wants to use dredge materials to construct barrier islands.

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***Other Information***

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**Special notes:**

The co-chairs and GLC staff will convene a conference call to flesh out the GLDT spring meeting. To avoid the GLC semi-annual, the meeting will probably take place late April/ early May.

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