

Meeting Results  
WEDA Environmental Commission  
Denver, Colorado  
June 13, 2002

The meeting on June 13, 2002, of the WEDA Environmental Commission was attended by the following Environmental Commission members and guests:

Craig Vogt	Chair	U.S. EPA
Ancil Taylor	Dredging Industry	Bean Environmental
Don Hayes	Academic Community	University of Utah
Bob Engler	Liaison: Other Comm.	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jim Osborne	Federal Government	Environment Canada
Laura Fiffick	Port Authority	Port of Houston

Guests included:

Brian Ross	U.S. EPA Region IX
Stephanie Stirling	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District

The objectives of the meeting were to review progress on actions identified in the June 2001 meeting and to identify and initiate new actions relative to environmental issues related to dredged material management and marine transportation.

Craig Vogt reported that he had prepared and presented on June 13, 2002, to the WEDA Board of Directors the WEDA Environmental Commission Annual Report, which is attached. During the Board of Directors meeting, Craig Vogt requested approval to change membership on the Commission, such that the member representing the Environmental Interest Groups would be on an annual rotating basis from the locality of the annual WEDA Conference. This change was needed because the environmental interest groups that have been represented on the Commission have not been able to travel to the meetings because of limited availability of travel funds. The WEDA Board of Directors approved this change.

Bob Engler, Chair of the PIANC Environmental Commission (EnviCom), reported on EnviCom activities related to WEDA needs. He noted that a half dozen PIANC Working Group reports are available that are directly related to dredging. The EnviCom 2001 Annual Report is attached to this meeting summary.

#### Action Agenda Items

Curriculum. The discussion of this action item was limited as Beverly Fedorko was unable to attend this year's meeting. However, Bob Engler reported that the Corps of Engineers environmental education website on dredging and dredged

material management was up and has been extremely popular in its first few months of operation (<http://education.wes.army.mil>). Comments received from WEDA Environmental Commission members were incorporated into the website. A link on the WEDA website should be made to the environmental education Corps website.

Bob Engler mentioned that Beverly Fedorko had made progress in environmental education in the NY/NJ area and was active with various groups. We hope to hear more from Beverly during the year on progress and any needed future actions.

Fact Sheets. We have completed the inventory of fact sheets and the remaining action under this item is to be sure the WEDA website has links to the fact sheets that are on the web in other locations. Fact sheets for which links should be established include:

Dredging is for the Birds	Corps of Engineers
Maintaining our Underwater Highways	Corps of Engineers
Beneficial Use of Dredged Material	Great Lakes Regional Dredging Team
Dredging: The Environmental Facts	PIANC/IADC/CEDA
Managing Contaminated Dredged Material	PIANC
Dredged Material Management Guides (7 total)	CEDA
Guidelines for Confined Disposal Facilities	PIANC

Action: Please review this list, provide websites to Craig Vogt, and provide any other fact sheets or booklet titles and their associated websites to Craig Vogt. Craig Vogt will check with colleagues in U.K., Netherlands, and Australia for any brochures/booklets to which we could establish links on the WEDA website.

WEDA Website WEDA's new website location: [www.westernredging.org](http://www.westernredging.org).

WEDA Newsletter In order to more formally display environmental stories in the WEDA Newsletter, we decided to establish a page similar to the "Safety Corner" in the Newsletter. The important part is, of course, supplying information and stories for the "Environmental Corner." Stephanie Stirling volunteered to take the lead in collecting stories and getting the information to the Newsletter.

Action: Please provide brief reports, announcements, information, stories, and anything pertinent to the environment and dredging or marine transportation to Stephanie at [Stephanie.K.Stirling@nws02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Stephanie.K.Stirling@nws02.usace.army.mil). Craig Vogt will provide Stephanie with email addresses of Commission members and friends.

WEDA XXII Technical Program Environmental Commission Session. This year's session, with a theme of "Partnerships Help Get the Job Done," will be published in the WEDA Journal. Four papers were presented in the session which included:

- Dialogue and Cooperation Protect Resources and Projects  
Tom Wakeman, Port of New York/New Jersey
- Partnerships for Environmental Dredging: Lessons from Ashtabula  
Richard Nagle EPA Region V
- Partnering for the Maintenance Dredging EIS for the Providence River in Rhode Island  
Larry Oliver Corps of Engineers New England District
- LTMS and DMMO: Meeting the Dual Demands of Dredging and Protecting the Environment in the San Francisco Bay Area  
Brian Ross EPA Region IX

Peer reviewers for these papers include: Craig Vogt, Ancil Taylor, and Jim Osborne.

WEDA XXIII Technical Program Environmental Commission Session. The theme for next year's session will be "Hot Topics." The four topics and their authors will include:

1. Air Pollution: Impacts on Dredging and Port Operations  
Laura Fiffick Port of Houston
2. TMDLs and Dredging/Dredged Material Management  
Don Hayes University of Utah
3. Decision Making: Sediment Guidelines/Criteria  
Jim Osborne Environment Canada & Bob Engler Corps of Engineers
4. Mitigation: Concepts and Reality  
Ralph Appy Port of Los Angeles (to be invited)

We will request the technical program chair, Ram Mohan, to allow an extra 30 minutes for this session to provide sufficient time for full discussion, i.e., 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM.

Action: Craig Vogt will invite Ralph Appy, Port of Los Angeles, to give the paper on Mitigation. Send brief descriptions, like two sentences maximum, to Craig Vogt that describe the paper to be presented by October 1. These descriptions will be used to advertise the Environmental Commission session and also be used in advertising the WEDA XXIII Conference in Chicago, June 11-13, 2003.

When the paper titles and descriptions are in, Craig Vogt will send out to Environmental Commission members and friends who are requested to "stoke up" interest in the WEDA Conference and our Environmental Commission session by including the information in pertinent newsletters or on websites.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM, on the first full day of the next WEDA meeting which is WEDA XXIII in Chicago, June 11-13, 2003. A conference call may be scheduled sometime during the year.