

Briefing from WEDA Environmental Committee and Safety Commission

Report from WEDA Vancouver Meeting June 2017

Agenda:

1. Safety Commission Meeting

Report from Randy Steed, Ross Island Sand & Gravel

2. Environmental Committee Meeting

Report from Nick Buhbe, Mission Environmental

Safety Commission Briefing Overview

- Commission Chair Julie Hile assumed role on WEDA national Board of Directors
- Safety Commission membership has nearly doubled to include two members from each chapter.
- Updated Safety Tab on WEDA website to allow members to interact the resources of the Safety Commission.

2017 Safety Accomplishments

- Initiate agency/industry/supplier interaction to establish standards for dredge pipeline markings and safety education for recreational boaters.
- Two safety focused papers presented at the WEDA Dredging Summit and Expo in Vancouver BC.
- Awarded Best Safety Project and Contractor Awards in Vancouver.

2018 Safety Goals

- Publish Commission's group work on pipeline safety and education.
- Increase the quality/quantity of presentations and safety briefings at the individual chapter meetings.
- Finalize new criteria and template for next year's Safety Excellence Award applications.

2017 WEDA Safety Commission and Safety Excellence Award Winners



Clockwise from left: Sarah Dearing, Randy Steed, Maxie Maguire, Stan Ekren, Jos Clement, Margaret Davis, Pat Cantner, Luke Ploessl, Devon Carlock, Julie Hile, Devon Beuret

Environmental Committee Briefing

- Scope: inclusive of navigational and environmental programs
- Discussion regarding ongoing difficulties managing environmental constraints and fully embracing practical opportunities
- Regional Variability (and Similarities!)
- Mission: Address loss in efficiency due to the permitting process

Environmental Committee Briefing

- Issues: high turnover of regulatory staff, lack of comprehensive understanding of what dredging programs involve
- Identified Next Step: Need for Educational Outreach to Regulatory Agencies and Stakeholders
(Federal, State, and Local Agencies, NGOs)

Multifaceted Approach

- Improvement to website to disseminate information (expertise, fact sheets, technical references)
- Increase participation in Chapter Meetings & Annual Summit
- Encourage Membership in WEDA
- Dredging 101 Presentation (webinar format, and/or presentations at meetings)

Request

- NAMES!
- Please send information:
 - Candidate for outreach (or a lead contact)
 - Federal/State/Local Regulatory Agency
 - Location (City, State)
 - Email address
- Send to:
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