



PRESS RELEASE

**IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
FOR THE 2018 WEDA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Applications should be submitted by May 4, 2018, to Craig Vogt, Chair of WEDA's Environmental Commission, at Craig@CraigVogt.com.

The annual Western Dredging Association (WEDA) Environmental Excellence Awards recognize projects for their outstanding contribution to meeting the goals of WEDA, which include:

- Promote communication and understanding of environmental issues.*
- Stimulate new solutions associated with dredging and placement of dredged materials.*
- Ensure that all dredging projects – including navigation and environmental – are accomplished efficiently while meeting environmental goals.*

Three Environmental Excellence Awards will be given, one for each of the following categories:

- (1) DREDGING FOR NAVIGATION: For a project whose purpose is to create or maintain navigation channels;
- (2) ENVIRONMENTAL DREDGING: For a project whose purpose is environmental enhancement, e.g., remediation, wetland enhancement, restoration or creation, or any other dredging project whose primary objective is environmental in nature; and
- (3) MITIGATION OR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: For a dredging or marine construction project that exemplifies and implements the WODA 'Statement on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change'. The WODA Statement can be found on the WEDA website at <https://www.westerndredging.org/index.php/awards/environmental-excellence-awards>.

The awards will be for a specific project and team members will be recognized. At least one of the project team members must be a WEDA member in good standing. The project must be related to dredging or marine engineering, consistent with WEDA's mission, which includes beneficial use of dredged material.

Awards will be presented during the June 2018 WEDA Dredging Summit and Exposition in Norfolk, Virginia, USA. Recognition will include a plaque, a press release, and a special highlight on the WEDA website. For further details about the process and criteria and to submit an application go to <https://dredging-expo.com/env-award>