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## HTAC Meeting Notice

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### HARBOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

WITC Conference Center, Superior, WI

(See map on reverse for directions and parking information)

### AGENDA

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9:00 AM	<b>Introductions / Agenda Review / Committee Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 7, 2017 Meeting Summary (for approval)</li></ul>
9:15 AM	<b>Recreational Boating Safety Within Harbors</b> , Dale Bergeron, MN Sea Grant
9:30 AM	<b>Port Land Use Plan Appendix III - Implementation</b> , Mike Wenholtz, MIC
9:50 AM	<b>Port Land Use Plan Implementation Updates</b> , Mike Wenholtz, MIC, et al
10:00 AM	<b>Wisconsin Point Piping Plover Project</b> , Cherie Hagen, WI DNR
10:20 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:40 AM	<b>Port Infrastructure Report Card</b> , Jim Sharrow, DSPA
11:00 AM	<b>Proposals for Clean-Up of Select Slips in the Harbor</b> , Heidi Bauman, MN PCA
11:20 AM	<b>Water Levels, Crude Oil Movement, and Other Issues in the Great Lakes Region</b> , Dale Bergeron, MN Sea Grant
11:45 AM	<b>Roundtable Discussion of Local Issues / Legislative Issues</b>
12:00 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>

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The Harbor Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) is an advisory group to the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council on port and harbor issues.

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**  
**Pier B Resort, Duluth, MN**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**



# Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

Conference Center - 600 N. 21st St. Superior, WI



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**HTAC Voting Members Present**

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Ed Anderson	MIC	Joel Johnson	Industry – Recreation
Dan Belden	WLSSD	Bob Libby	Industry – Pilots/Vessel Operations
Cameron Bertsch	Douglas County	Bill Majewski	St. Louis River Alliance
Brian Boder	St. Louis County	Patrick Phenow	MnDOT
Steven Brossart	US Army Corps of Engineers	Dan Rau	Save Lake Superior Assoc/SLSA
Deb Deluca	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Steven Robertson	City of Duluth
Nelson French	MPCA	Dena Ryan	WisDOT
Gary Glass	Izaak Walton League	Jason Serck	City of Superior
Cheri Hagen	WI DNR	Jim Sharrow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Anna Hess (alt)	MN DNR	Ted Smith	Marine Tech

**HTAC Voting Members Absent**

*\* Excused*

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Dale Bergeron	MN Sea Grant	Denise McDougall	Industry – General Cargo
LCDR Jerry Butwid	USCG (alt)	Ed Montgomery	Industry – Harbor Services
Gene Clark	WI Sea Grant	Mike Peloquin*	MN DNR
Marshall Elder	Midwest Energy Resources	Josh Sanders (alt)	USCG
Mark Erickson	Industry - Ore	Fred Shusterich	Industry – Coal
Jack Ezell	WLSSD	Cmdr Erin Williams	USCG
Jason Laumann	NWRPC	Daryl Wierzbinski	USACE
Mike McCoshen	Industry – General Bulk	vacant	US Fish & Wildlife Service
		Vacant	Industry – Grain

**Others Present**

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Bryan Anderson	MnDOT Dist 1	Lisa Luokkala	City of Duluth
Brad Basten	WisDOT	Dianna Maas	WisDOT
David Bolgrien	US EPA	Nick Patterson	Marine Tech
Dan Breneman	MPCA	Barb Peterson	MIC Staff
Lynette Carney	Barr Engineering	Mark Privratsky	Congressman Nolan's Office
Donna Brown	WisDOT	Dave Ross	WI Secretary of Transportation
Ron Chicka	MIC Director	Daniel Rust	UWS
Benita Crow	SEH	Bob Seitz	WisDOT
Eric Dott	Barr Engineering	Dave Simon	WisDOT
Josh Dumke	NRRI	Adam Schlicht	SLSDC
Jeff Emerson	WisDOT	Melissa Sjolund	MN DNR
Jess Felix	WisDOT	Ted R. Smith	AMI
Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Dr. Richard Stewart	UWS
Patty Fowler	MN DNR EWR	Dave Warburton	USFWS
Ken Gerasimos	Key Lakes/Great Lakes Fleet	Mike Wenzholz	MIC Staff
Mike Goettel	WI DNR	Natalie White	SEH
Mike Halsted	WI DNR	Adele Yorde	Port Authority
Kathy Heady	Wisconsin Econ Devel Corp	Larry Zanko	NRRI
		Marie Zhuikov	WI Sea Grant



## Introductions / Agenda Review / Committee Business

HTAC Chair **Deb DeLuca** called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. All parties introduced themselves.

- **March 1, 2017 Meeting Summary**

Chair DeLuca asked if there were changes to the March 1, 2017 Meeting Summary, hearing none he asked for a motion to approve.

**Joel Johnson/Jason Serck moved to approve the 3.1.2017 HTAC Meeting Summary. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.**

## WI Transportation Secretary, Dave Ross & Deputy Secretary, Bob Seitz

Secretary Ross gave recognition to the Duluth-Superior HTAC and praised the group being able to work together even though there are many diverse interest within the group. He also appreciated the Multi-Modal thinking and planning of the group.

Deputy Secretary Seitz stated that he was learning the infrastructure part of government and was impressed with the diverse representation with the group.

## St Louis River National Water Trail Designation Sought

Lisa Luokkala from the City of Duluth explained that this designation would have no regulatory part and would hopefully open up some collaborative efforts. The groups biggest goal is to build a “How to” get to and use the river targeting 10 experiential areas on the river.

Several comments and questions had to with the “regulatory” aspect of a designation such as this as well as the possible loss of control which happened with “Marine Sanctuary” designations.

One suggestion was that the designation team needs to acquire a representative from the industry sector.

## Duluth Cargo Connect

Kate Ferguson from the Duluth Seaway Port Authority announced that the Duluth Seaway Port Authority and Lake Superior Warehousing have teamed up to start a new venture named Duluth Cargo Connect. This new venture will operate a new terminal at the Clure Public Marine Terminal which will be a transfer connection for containers between rail cars and trucks in conjunction with CN Railway. This could open many more doors to other opportunities and could bring new jobs to the port.



## DLH/Sky Harbor Construction Update

Benita Crow and Natalie White of SHE, the consultants on the Sky Harbor Project, gave an update on the progress of this project. Currently they are in the process of working on the mitigation plan required for the permitting as well as some of the public outreach being done. In order to bring Sky Harbor into compliance and away from the Protected Old Growth Forest the runway will be shift approximately 5 degrees.

With the passage of the state bonding bill, the work to fill approximately 7 acres of Superior Bay is scheduled to begin after Labor Day and last through Christmas 2017. The goal is to avoid closures of the runway as much as possible. The work will continue in the fall of 2018 with completion scheduled for 2019 when a 2 – 3 week closure is possible.

## Seaway Corridor Construction & Trade Issues

Adam Schlicht, Great Lakes Regional Representative/SLSDC/US DOT, gave an update on the International Trade and Seaway Infrastructure Initiatives. Adam reviewed the seaway traffic from 2008 to 2016. He gave an update on the seaway infrastructure and the deployment progress of the Hands Free Mooring systems. They are looking at a system-wide deployment in 2018. See the details on this youtube video:

### [Hands Free Mooring System](#)

Adam also shared the HwyH2O Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada from November 14 through the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

There is also a conference in Houston, Texas from October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 discussing an update on HwyH2O Initiatives Breakbulk Americas 2017.

For more online resources check out these websites:

[www.greatlakes-seaway.com](http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com)  
[www.facebook.com/usdotslsc](https://www.facebook.com/usdotslsc)  
[www.seaway.dot.gov](http://www.seaway.dot.gov)  
[www.hwyh2o.com](http://www.hwyh2o.com)

## Regional Marine Infrastructure Project

Craig Bursch, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gave a brief description of the 2017 Infrastructure Report Card: A comprehensive assessment of America's Infrastructure. Craig continued stating that the average grade today is a "D" with Rail receiving a B. To explore the full Report Card and to get more details check out this website:

[Infrastructure Report Card](#)



## **Port Land Use Plan/Recommendations/Appendix III**

Mike Wenholz, MIC very quickly shared that the committee had met and had addressed all 26 recommendations in Chapter 19 of the Port Plan. These can all be found in Appendix III; if you would like a copy please contact Mike.

## **AOC Update, Nelson French-MPCA, Cherie Hagen-WI DNR and Missy Sjolund-MN DNR**

With only a few minutes remaining in a very full agenda Nelson, Cherie and Missy gave just a very brief update on the AOC work being done this summer. Nelson announced that the bonding bill finally passed affording dollars for these projects; Cherie stated that there are 2 projects underway on the WI side; and Missy said that work was going on at Grassy Point and Kingsbury Bay.

## **Roundtable Discussion of Local Issues / Legislative Issues**

### **Adjourn**

No other items were brought forward for discussion, Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 12:13 pm.