



<b>HTAC Voting Members Present</b>			
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Ed Anderson	MIC	Jason Laumann	NWRPC
Dan Belden	WLSSD	Bill Majewski	St. Louis River Alliance
Dale Bergeron	MN Sea Grant	Patrick Phenow	MnDOT
Cameron Bertsch	Douglas County	Dan Rau	Save Lake Superior Assoc/SLSA
Gene Clark	WI Sea Grant	Steven Robertson	City of Duluth
Deb Deluca	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Dena Ryan	WisDOT
Pat Drayer	USCG (alt)	Jason Serck	City of Superior
Jack Ezell	WLSSD	Jim Sharrow	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Joel Johnson	Industry – Recreation	Cmdr Erin Williams	USCG
Pete Kramer	Duluth Cargo Connect		
<b>HTAC Voting Members Absent</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>* Excused</i></span>			
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Brian Boder	St. Louis County	Bob Libby	Industry – Pilots/Vessel Operations
Steven Brossart	US Army Corps of Engineers	Denise McDougall	Industry – General Cargo
Marshall Elder	Midwest Energy Resources	Ed Montgomery	Industry – Harbor Services
Mark Erickson	Industry - Ore	Mike Peloquin	MN DNR
Nelson French	MPCA	Fred Shusterich	Industry – Coal
Gary Glass	Izaak Walton League	Ted Smith	Marine Tech
Cheri Hagen	WI DNR	Dave Warburton	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Anna Hess (alt)	MN DNR	Daryl Wierzbinski	USACE
Mike McCoshen	Industry – General Bulk	Vacant	Industry – Grain
<b>Others Present</b>			
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Lisa Austin	MnDOT Dist 1	Bjorn Olson	Environmental Initiative
Heidi Bauman	MPCA	Guy Partch	Barr Engineering
Dan Breneman	MPCA	Barb Peterson	MIC Staff
Janet Clark	US Senator R Johnson's Office	Bethany Rosemore	AMI
Ron Chicka	MIC Director	Daniel Rust	UWS
Nathan Disher	USCG - Duluth	Ted R. Smith	AMI
Eric Dott	Barr Engineering	Dr. Richard Stewart	UWS
Josh Dumke	NRRI	Heidi Timm-Bijold	City of Duluth
Ken Gerasimos	Key Lakes/Great Lakes Fleet	Emilie Voight	City of Duluth
Mike Goettel	WI DNR	Mike Wenholz	MIC Staff
Jim Miller	Representative Sean Duffy	Adele Yorde	Port Authority



## **Introductions / Agenda Review / Committee Business**

**HTAC Chair Deb DeLuca** called the meeting to order at 9:13 am. All parties introduced themselves.

- **June 7, 2017 Meeting Summary**

Chair DeLuca asked if there were changes to the June 7, 2017 Meeting Summary, hearing none he asked for a motion to approve.

**Dale Bergeron/Bill Majewski moved to approve the 6.7.2017 HTAC Meeting Summary. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **Recreational Boating Safety Within Harbors, Dale Bergeron, MN Sea Grant**

Dale Bergeron and Dr Tom Beery, both from the MN Sea Grant, described that this project centers around where/how information concerning safe recreational use of the harbor. Currently there is a Harbor Safety Survey that we encourage everyone to take as well as encouraging friends and relatives.

There seems to be an increase in public use of the harbor and many don't consider that it is a working harbor with a working shipping lane.

Part of the education piece includes that every 6<sup>th</sup> grader in the region has learned about rip currents which actually took 2 lives last summer off of Park Point.

MN and WI Sea Grants, USCG and other partners continue to develop a plan to disseminate information to recreational boater, paddle board user, kayaks and canoes as well as any other water activities.

## **Port Land Use Plan Appendix III - Implementation, Mike Wenzholz, MIC**

Mike applauded the Port Land Use Plan study committee for their diligence in the completion of addressing the recommendations at the end of the plan. There are leaders and action plans for each of the recommendations. There was also a plan made for providing updates on the progress which will keep the plan relevant.

## **Port Land Use Plan Implementation Updates, Mike Wenzholz, MIC, et al**

Mike shared some of the work being done by the MIC and Deb Deluca also shared the progress of the Port Authority.

Bill Majewski shared that the proposed water trail had been approved.



## **Wisconsin Point Piping Plover Project, Cherie Hagen, WI DNR**

Cherie presented a little background on these small birds which had a healthy population at one time in the Duluth-Superior area. She continued to give an overview of a project at Wisconsin Point to improve a portion of the shoreline to help attract these shoreline birds. Part of the project goals is to make improvements to the area to give the birds a more natural breeding area where they can build their nests. At this time, there is much data collection being done so that a design can be made.

There are several partners working on this project. Work is also being done on MN Point as well.

## **Port Infrastructure Report Card, Jim Sharrow, DSPA**

Jim Sharrow continued the explanation of this report since time ran very short for Craig Bursch, ASCE at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. This “report card” is being done for the first time in Northern MN and WI. This is a report on the infrastructure of the area and is put together by ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) for the country every 4 or 5 years.

Jim explained the grading system which is eerily similar to being back in school. There were 8 different areas that are considered. Some of those areas are:

- Inland waterways & Marine Ports
- Surface Transportation
- Airports

These are only a few. Jim explained that a grade of C+ was established for the Duluth-Superior Port. He also mentioned that Nick Paterson has taken on the responsibility of writing the report and was part of the grading team.

## **Proposals for Clean-up Selected Slips in the Harbor, Heidi Bauman, MNPCA**

Heidi identified several slips in the harbor that are at various stages of clean up, from not yet started to almost complete. She specifically identified the Minnesota Slip which is home to William A Irvin. This cleanup is in close partnership with the US EPA and US Army Corp of engineers- Detroit office. It will cost an estimated \$1.6 million to complete. Also, the Irvin will be moved during part of this project since the dock walls will need to be repaired.

## **Water Levels, Crude Oil Movement and other issues in the Great Lakes Region, Dale Bergeron, MN Sea Grant**

Due to the meeting running a little late, Dale briefly reported that the lake levels are 11 inches above the long term average for September. In comparison Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, and Erie are 17-19 inches above their long-term average September levels.



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He noted the recent article concerning the movements of crude oil and the different modes in which it is transported. Information can be found on line.

Dale quickly made a comment that there is some concern with the inconsistencies in the variations of environmental windows and dredging windows. It is well known that sediment dredging is necessary to keep the shipping channels open but it does cause stress on the aquatic habitats. The trick is to find an acceptable balance.

**With no Roundtable discussions and no other items brought forward, Chair Deluca adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.**