



# The National Dredging Team's Action Agenda

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# Overview

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- What is the National Dredging Policy
- What is the National Dredging Team?
- What are the Regional Dredging Teams?
- What is the NDT Action Agenda?

# National Dredging Team

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- The National Dredging Team (NDT) was established in 1995 to implement the recommendations in a [1994 Report](#) to the Secretary of Transportation on the dredging process, to promote national and regional consistency on dredging issues, and to provide a mechanism for issue resolution and information exchange among federal, state, and local agencies and stakeholders.
- It is the vision of the NDT that dredging of U.S. harbors and channels is conducted in a timely and cost-effective manner while meeting environmental protection, restoration, and enhancement goals.

# National Dredging Policy

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- A network of ports and harbors is essential to the U.S. economy.
- The nation's coastal, ocean, and freshwater resources are critical assets which must be protected.
- Consistent application of environmental statutes can protect the environment and allow for sustainable economic growth.
- Close coordination and planning at all levels of government are essential to economic growth and environmental protection.
- The regulatory process must be timely, efficient, and predictable.
- Dredged material management planning must be conducted in the context of the national transportation system, focused upon a regional basis, and use the watershed approach.
- Dredged material should be viewed as a resource.

# Foundation for the NDT

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- DOT Work Group:
  - Interagency group convened by MARAD.
- *The Dredging Process in the US: An Action Plan for Improvement. 1994*
  - National Dredging Policy.
  - 18 recommendations.

# What is the National Dredging Team?

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- Federal interagency group.
- Established 1995:
  - To promote national and regional consistency
  - To provide mechanism for conflict resolution and information exchange
  - To assist in implementing the National Dredging Policy
  - To facilitate operations of Regional Dredging Teams

# Who is on the NDT?

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- Army Corps of Engineers, Co-Chair
- EPA, Co-Chair
- Maritime Administration
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Coast Guard
- NOAA
- USDA
- Navy
- USGS



# What are the Regional Dredging Teams?

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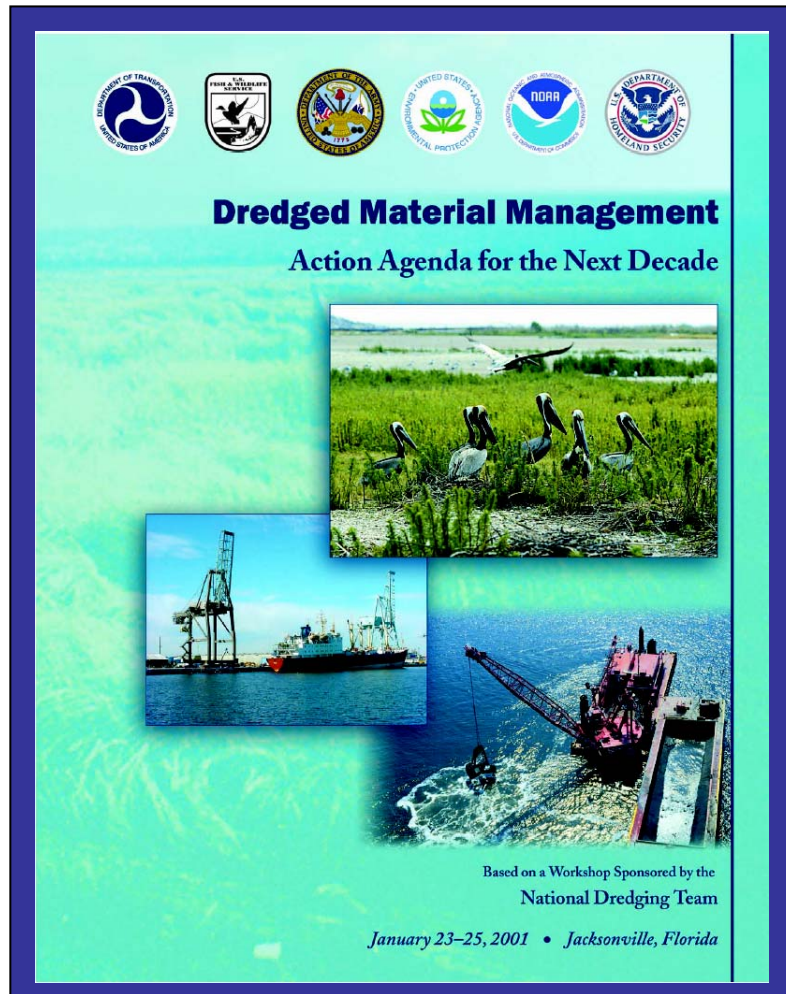
- Eleven RDTs.
- Composed of federal/state agencies and stakeholders.
- Intention to improve dredged material management by:
  - Fostering communication and planning.
  - Providing a forum for issue resolution.
  - Increasing public education and community involvement.



# Where have RDTs been established?



# What is the NDT Action Agenda?



- 22 recommendations based on 2001 workshop.
- Developed by stakeholders from government, industry, environmental interests, contractors, academia, general public.
- Issued in 2003

# Dredged Material Management Action Agenda for the Next Decade

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- General and specific recommendations across 4 themes:
  - Beneficial use of dredged material
  - Sediment management
  - Emerging issues
  - Strengthening the Regional Dredging Teams

# NDT Action Agenda Review

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- Finalized in 2003 the Action Agenda was to serve as a 10-year plan
- Mid-term review conducted in 2007
- Conclusion was the Action Agenda was on course with a few minor adjustments
- Action Item Addendum completed in 2008

# NDT Info

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- [www.\*\*epa\*\*.gov/owow/oceans/ndt](http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/ndt)
- Google 'National Dredging Team'
- [Overdepth Dredging and Characterization Depth Recommendations](#), ERDC, June 2007
- Google 'Overdepth Dredging ERDC'

# Meetings

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- Last NDT Forum was Oct 2007 in Emeryville (San Francisco), CA
- Next NDT Forum will be week of 13-17 Apr 2009 in Mobile, AL