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QPI SCORECARD				
What's accomplished, What remains				
Action Item	Description	Status	Status	
Authorities (A) Workgroup				
1	A-1	Re-empower Port Leadership for Feasibility Studies under Section 203 of WRDA 1986. Corps interpreted Port led studies 'on its own', to mean no Corps support for economics, environmental, cost estimates, etc.	Completed*	AAPA members want ability to hire the Corps to perform economic and environmental studies and cost estimates for non-Federal interests on a reimbursable basis. Corps preparing implementation guidance. Wilmington, NC may be 1st post-WRRDA Section 203 study.
2	A-2	Determine the eligibility for cost-sharing credit of Port's in-kind contributions to disposal facilities - revise Corps implementation guidance of WRDA '07 Sec 2003	Ongoing	<u>Tentatively resolved.</u> Pursue the WRDA 2007 change as part of WRRDA 2014 implementation guidance. Ports anxious to see how guidance addresses Section 217(a) and 217(b) and incremental dike raisings.
3	A-3	Districts retain user fees collected for corresponding federal disposal facilities per WRDA 96.	Ongoing	Not included in WRRDA 2014. Issues involving cost were very sensitive to House leaders. Requires a budget offset. Addressing full HMT use was the priority and this topic was deferred to future WRDA. Pursue adding the phrase "without further appropriation." in next WRDA .
4	A-4	Elimination of the 10 percent repayment in harbor cost sharing for Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way and Relocations (LERR).	Ongoing	Issue is this is in addition to the 50/50 cost share for navigation channel improvements and is not charged to other Civil Works business lines such as Flood. Not included in WRRDA 2014. Authorities team will develop education information for Congressional Committee staff; potentially pursue change in cost share brackets, consistent with Flood and Env Restoration in next WRDA .
5	A-5	Continuing Contracts for O&M work	Ongoing	Not an authorization issue. Discussed w/Approp Committees; Senate deferred to House and House strongly rejected, feeling the Corps had adjusted contracting since 2006 change. Willing to consider if Corps provided supporting data. Discuss next WRDA priority at Sep H&N meeting
6	A-6	Delete associated costs from Benefit Cost Ratios (BCR)	Completed	QPI member discussions w/Corps. Upon explanation - no action needed
7	A-7	Establish guidance for in-kind credit valuation and approval	Completed	No legislation needed: see Proj. Delivery work group.
8	A-8	Advanced funds authority for studies and maintenance dredging	Ongoing	Partially implemented - maintenance dredging addressed in FY12 appropriation. Advanced funds for studies not addressed in WRRDA. Language is available - pursue in next WRDA .
9	A-9	Eliminate Initial Reconnaissance Study for improvements to existing federal navigation projects	Ongoing	Addressed in WRRDA Section 1001. Corps about to issue implementation guidance. Post WRRDA: Ports see a need to have a window of time and small amount of funds for 'study development phase' or 'scoping discussion' to be able to pursue 3x3x3. Provide input to Corps for next WRDA
10	A-10	Renormalize the 1986 Deep Draft Cost Sharing Brackets	Ongoing	WRRDA moved the O&M cost-sharing depth to 50'. The construction cost-sharing bracket remains at 45' at the upper limit. House objected to additional Federal cost for new work dredging. *Pursue modernizing New Work in next WRDA
11	New	Explore Alternative Financing	Ongoing	AAPA staff to work with and report on ASCE/COPRI/Corps efforts. Corps developing pilot project candidates. Major issues with OMB costing and Congress support for repayment. Also Navigational servitude and NEPA issues.
12	New	Streamline Section 408 analysis when conducting 204(f) studies	Ongoing	Corps guidance issued Apr 2014. Ports have reported issues with these processes. MSC/District appear to be developing IG on IG. Discuss at H&N meeting. AAPA needs to provide a letter with concerns and recommendations of how Section 408 provisions
13	New	Non-Federal Use of Dredged Material Placement Facilities		SWG Real Estate interjection with project O&M process - inconsistent w/WRDA 96. AAPA to engage w/Eddie Belk and Brenda Johnson-Turner
14	New	WRRDA Section 7001 - Federal Register notice. Legislative process changes unable to be included.		Was 'spirit and intent' for only feasibility studies or for what needed to be fixed legislatively? Check w/Cong staff and discuss at next H&N mtg
Communication and Collaboration (C&C) Workgroup				
13	C&C 1	Identify Corps and Port points of contact, (POC); conduct regular discussions	Completed	List provided w/POC positions, not names, per 2005 DoD directive. Posted to web, but names preferred.

14	C&C 2	Schedule Strategic Communication discussions	Completed	Jan 2014 webinar on SMART planning communications; also Nav Study Lessons Learned webinar conducted Nov 2014. NEXT: Conduct Member survey to identify next actions for C&C team
15	C&C 3	Establish Virtual Navigation Library	Completed	The Library has been posted by DDNPCX; AAPA established a link on its QPI website. NEXT: Work towards an annotated bibliography to help newcomers
16	C&C 4	Fully utilize the Deep Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise, DDNPCX	Completed*	Corps resolved staffing and funding issues. Nav Feasibility Study summary report is useful to monitor DDNPCX progress. The Center's participation in H&N meetings and QPI webinars helping ports understand data needs.
17	C&C 5	Develop communication plans and joint messaging, focusing on "We Are A Maritime Nation"	Completed*	2014 and 2015 focus: Infrastructure Week; Great results, lessons learned and planning for 2016. NEXT: Discuss AAPA efforts on a 2016 election topic on 21st century infrastructure
18	C&C 6	Identify and share Best Practices	Completed*	Initial phase completed - 12 submissions have been posted to H&N website; continue to pursue. NEXT: AAPA provide links to Corps website on areas of high interest to Ports.
		Product Delivery (PD) Workgroup		
19	PD-1	Present Planning Modernization Initiative to H&N community via webinar	Completed	Tab Brown presented in Jan 2014;
20	PD-2	Evaluate and adjust Independent External Peer Review, IEPR process	Completed	Addressed in WRRDA Section 1044; IEPR threshold raised from \$45M to \$200M; Extended these reviews 5 years. IEPR viewed as value added on complex/ controversial projects - getting worked into schedule w/o becoming critical path
21	PD-3	Implement guidance for Section 2045 of WRDA 2007 - suspenses for NEPA env reviews	Ongoing	Further revisions made in WRRDA Section 1005. Monitor WRRDA implementation guidance. Desire to have a Webinar on this topic when guidance issued.
22	PD-4	Establish programmatic assessment of Navigation Studies	Ongoing	Preparing Nav Planning Study status table w/3x3x3 milestones; also a DMMP study status report. WRRDA report requirement. Discuss w/Wes Coleman, OWPR
23	PD-5	Treat partners as partners	Ongoing	Progress being made: National Webinars and local discussions, best practice examples; Monitor WRRDA implementation guidance on Nav studies and HMT funds distribution; Additional post-WRRDA update webinar planned for Fall 2015
24	PD-6	Enable Port reps participation in Corps planning training courses	Completed	Port staff can participate. USACE Learning Center registration process explained and recommended Corps training courses identified. Results posted to QPI webpage. Survey Ports on use. Check transition of courses to virtual.
25	PD-7	Grandfather studies and methodologies during the conduct of Civil Works planning activities	Ongoing	Discuss policy vs. legal authority issues; pursue policy w/Corps and authority issue w/Congress in next WRDA . Discussion highlighted use of Decision Matrix and Risk Register as part of SMART Planning process. Good webinar topic , recommend Wes Coleman conduct
26	PD-8	Develop pre-approved economic models for navigation studies - Harbor Sym use	Completed*	Harbor Sym was focus of Nov 2014 webinar. HarborSym use progressing well. Pursue DDNPCX survey of ports confidence in Harbor Sym results
27	PD-9	Allow sponsor to 'Act as Agent' of the Corps for construction and O&M activities	Ongoing	WRRDA Title 5 expanded opportunities for Public-Private-Partnership in navigation. Monitor Corps implementation guidance. Discussion focused on Sec 1024, acceptance of products and services in an emergency - high Priority for Ports. Pursue wording revision in next WRDA . Example: Lock gate mechanical failure due to unaccomplished maintenance is not emergency.
28	PD-10	Conduct webinar to explain Harbor Sym economics model, lessons learned and future plans	Completed	Webinar held in Nov 2014, following Nav projects Civil Works Review Boards
		SUMMARY STATUS:	Completed	9 - Action closed
			Completed*	5 - Minor work/monitoring remains to complete
			Ongoing	14 - Significant work remains to complete
			Awaiting	0 - Significant work not started