Format Overview

- We have 60+ participants today – great turnout but could be unwieldy for input
- Each participant needs to have registered independently and not use a code or link from a forwarded registration confirmation in order to participate in the audio
- Participants can use Voice Over IP or call-in number for audio
- If you do not have VOIP, you need to select the “telephone” option in the audio section of your control panel and call in using the number and PIN listed
- All participants except committee leaders and staff liaisons will be muted by default
- To speak, please use the “raise hand” feature on your control panel, and Meredith Martino (the moderator) can unmute you
- You can also submit questions to the moderator via your control panel, which can be answered privately or for the whole group
- Moderator will advance slides, but slides and other attachments have been sent by email this morning for your own use if you wish
August 10 Listening Session with Assistant Secretary Darcy

• **Nearly 30 ports represented**

• **AAPA Chairman Mike Leone indicated primary areas of concern were:**
  • Slow and Inefficient project delivery process
  • Need for Regulatory Streamlining
  • Need for Stronger advocacy within the Administration
  • Maintenance dredging backlog

• **Ms. Darcy addressed each ports’ comments and questions raised**

• **Agreed to use the Quality Partnership to address issues discussed**
August 11 Green Ports—Blue Harbors Environmental Workshop

• A dialogue with Environmental Community and Port Leaders
• Facilitated by Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University
• Major Topics—National Ocean Policy, CMSP and Climate Change
• Keynote by Michael Boots, CEQ Associate Director for Land and Water
• Next Steps—Support and Participate in Regional CMSP Sessions
• Participants desired continuation of the dialogue with follow on meetings
EPA Regional Leadership Forum

- **Held on July 14 in Baltimore MD**
- **Organized and hosted by EPA for Regional Administrators**
- **Focused on impacts of goods movement**
- **AAPA invited to participate, along with other industry representatives and environmental groups**
- **Topics of discussion included climate change and environmental justice, as well as clean trucking issues**
- **All participants agreed on the economic importance of ports and goods movement and the need to minimize environmental impacts**
Committee Leadership 2010-2012

- Dana Blume, Port of Houston Authority – Chair
- Steve Tyndal, Port Manatee – Vice-Chair
- Rick Cameron, Port of Long Beach – Secretary
- Frank Hamons, Maryland Port Administration – Quality Partnership Initiative Chair
- Paul Carangelo, Port of Corpus Christi Authority – Dredging Focus Group Chair
- Aston Hinds, Port of Houston Authority – Port Sustainability Task Force Chair
- TBD – Air Quality Work Group Chair
Planning Climate Change II Workshop

- **First Climate Change Workshop was held in November 2008**
- **Good attendance from throughout port industry and outside groups**
- **Topics included overview of climate change, adaptation strategies, mitigation options, regulation of greenhouse gases**
- **Second Climate Change Workshop tentatively scheduled for January 2011 after HNE Committee meeting in Houston TX**
- **Focus of follow-up Climate Change Workshop will be primarily adaptation to the effects of climate change (sea level rise and increased storm events)**
Future Committee Meetings

- **Winter Meeting:** January 25-26, 2011 – Houston, TX
  - Approximately 1 ½ days
  - Afternoon of January 25, full day on January 26
  - Times for environmental and dredging focus areas TBD

- **Spring Meeting:** March 21, 2011 – Washington, DC
  - Held in conjunction with AAPA Spring Conference
Ocean Policy/Marine Spatial Planning

- President issued final Executive Order on National Ocean Policy on July 19
- Creates a National Ocean Council to increase governance and coordination among federal agencies
- President’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) continues to lead
- Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning first phase of implementation
- CMSP will be undertaken regionally
- Funding has not been allocated; lead agencies have not been identified
- Ports should plan to participate in regional efforts
- Primary goal of AAPA is to protect the working waterfront and port-related use of the coasts and oceans
DERA Funding and Reauthorization

- FY 2009 and FY 2010 funding awards are being announced
- Ports appear to have done well in both national funding and emerging technologies competitions
- FY 2011 funding is unclear, as appropriations have been slow – especially Interior-Environment
- EPA anticipants moving forward with RFP in November, which would be similar to FY 2009/FY 2010 RFP
- AAPA part of a coalition working on DERA reauthorization
- Coalition has had input into draft legislation in Senate by Senators Voinovich (R-OH) and Carper (D-DE)
- Biggest change would be allowing private companies to apply for funds directly
- Sponsors/key supporters in the House less clear
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

- **House T&I Committee Introduced WRDA on July 28**
- **Authorizes three projects with Chief of Engineer’s reports relating to hurricane and storm damage reduction, and ecosystem restoration**
- **Establishes a “policy” for increased expenditures from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund**
- **Authorizes four small projects for navigation.**
- **Authorizes additional Federal funding for the upgrade of the St. Lawrence Seaway**
- **Senate Version Not Yet Introduced**
- **Legislative Action Not Expected Until Next Session of Congress in 2011**