

Minutes to April 4, 2001 Task Force Meeting

AGENDA

1. MCR 2001 Dredging (Eric Braun)
 2. 2000 Physical Study Results (Mark Siipola)
 3. Open Discussion (All)
 4. FY 2001 Study Needs
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1. MCR 2001 Dredging
 - Expect a typical dredging year of 4 to 5 M cy.
 - Use Site E and N. Jetty Site to their maximum capacity
 - What does not go to Site E and N. Jetty, goes to Site F
 - Shared a summary of amounts that went to each site during FY 2000.
 - Showed site map of site E documenting that dredged material accumulated from the FY 2000 dredging season was eroded by Feb 2001.
 2. 2000 Physical Study Results (see Power Point Presentations)
 - Sidescan sonar results showed no unique features. Some low relief undulations and large schools of fish.
 - Sidescan sonar results also showed featureless geomorphic configurations and no significant historical features.
 - RoxAn sediment characterization showed uniformed sediment gradation, two sediment types, and no unique rock features.
 - Physical/Chemical Baseline sediment characterization showed no contamination and uniformed sand gradation.
 - Dr. Pat McClure of GeoSea Consulting gave a presentation of the Sediment Trend Analysis (STA) based on almost 1,248 samples they collected under a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District. The STA study documented a complex sediment transport situation in the MCR area. The MCR area was broken into five different transport environments.
 3. The regulatory agencies and stakeholders discussed the information presented in the above presentations.
 - Some questioned why the Deep Water Site was proposed if sediments would not be transported toward the beaches.
 - Some proposed a beach or nearshore disposal sites where the sediments would nourish the beaches.
 - Some voiced support for the proposal of the Deep Water Site.
 - Some stated that the taskforce had worked on these issues for some time to achieve the consensus that exists. They believed it was inappropriate to start over or undo the decisions achieved so far.
 4. FY 2001 Study Needs
 - Scoping and initiation of biological baseline studies.
 - Convene an expert panel to help in scoping effort.

- Some people proposed that a panel of experts be organized to provide input on what studies are needed.
- A small group of individuals from the taskforce volunteered to participate in the selection of the types of experts needed on the panel.