

**MCR Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Taskforce  
Questions Re: Taskforce Operations**

**The Regulatory Workgroup (i.e., Corps, EPA, OR DEQ, OR DLCD, and WA DOE – Water Quality & Coastal Zone) continues to be interested in your feedback regarding taskforce operations. A few individuals provided feedback on the first taskforce meeting, but we would greatly appreciate additional feedback from other participants. If you have input to share, then please complete the following questionnaire with responses directed to the Corps of Engineers. Alternatively, you can bring your completed questionnaire to the next taskforce meeting. Thank you for your time.**

(1) Most feedback at the first taskforce meeting seemed to indicate a preference for more informal meetings. We would like to confirm that this is the preference of the overall taskforce. Should the overall format for taskforce meetings be:

- (a) less formal (e.g. roundtable),  \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) more formal,  \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) continue as at the first meeting?  \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain:

I think we would benefit from a seating arrangement that allowed us to sit across from each other—it would allow for more interaction and we could hear each others questions and responses.

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(2) The Regulatory Workgroup will provide the agenda, overheads presented at the meeting and brief summary of the issues addressed. Some members expressed a concern about having formal meeting notes while others seemed to want more informal meetings all around. Please indicate your level of concern about having detailed meeting notes and share any additional ideas you might have on this subject.

Would appreciate a record of what issues were covered at previous meetings but don't think they need to be as detailed as for the siting process. Should also offer an opportunity for taskforce members to accept or decline to accept the meeting minutes as written (means these minutes would have to be provided several days prior to each scheduled meeting) and to note disagreements in minutes.

(3) The taskforce will meet at least annually. Additional meetings are expected, especially during the first year or two of this process. Please indicate how often you expect you could attend taskforce meetings given your individual situation:

(a) No more than 2 per year, \_\_\_\_\_

(b) 2-4 meetings per year,  x \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Other, \_\_\_\_\_

(4) We did not set a date for the next meeting of the taskforce. The Regulatory Workgroup is now proposing another taskforce meeting in early June so we can discuss primarily the 2000 dredging season (not discussed at the first meeting). If taskforce members would prefer to avoid travelling to Portland for this meeting, then we could distribute and discuss information regarding the 2000 dredging season via e-mail. Any comments or preferences regarding the proposal for a meeting in early June? I would be available most days in June, except for the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>. If this is primarily an informational meeting on forecasted dredging amounts and disposal locations for the 2000 dredging season at the MCR, then we could probably discuss these issues via e-mail. If more detailed discussions are needed, then we should have a group meeting.

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(5) At this time, the Regulatory Workgroup expects that most taskforce meetings will be held in Portland. However, the location of taskforce meetings could alternate if that best serves the taskforce membership. A few taskforce members seemed to be interested in having meetings outside of Portland. Please indicate your preference for taskforce meeting location:

(a) Portland, \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Other: (please specify below)

If we are going to have more than 2 or 3 meetings per year, I suggest we have at least half of them be on or nearer the coast, i.e., Newport, Seaside, Astoria, Longview, etc.

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(6) The Regulatory Workgroup wants the taskforce members to be satisfied with how meetings are run and how agenda topics are selected. Would you like to see a taskforce representative selected to assist the Regulatory Workgroup with meeting procedures & agendas? \_NA\_

Any volunteers? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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not a big issue with me

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(7) Some taskforce members expressed concerns about the balance of presentations to group discussions at the first taskforce meeting. Please indicate your preference for:

(a) more presentations? \_\_\_\_\_

Of what nature? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) more time for open discussions?  \_\_\_\_\_

(c) other ideas?? \_\_\_\_\_

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(8) Would people prefer that we plan to order in lunches, i.e., either as a working lunch or just to shorten the time needed to get to, order, & eat lunch? (Please note that participants would still have to pay for their own lunches. Financial resources are not available to provide paid lunches.)

(a) Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

(b) No,  \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer having a defined lunch break. If the meeting looked like it was going to go well beyond normal business hours, then it might be appropriate to order lunch in to shorten the meeting.

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(9) Any other questions or comments you would like to share regarding the taskforce?

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