

A stylized map of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. The landmasses are shown in red with white outlines, and the waterway is highlighted with a thick yellow line. A white star is located at the bottom left of the yellow line, near the Florida coast. The background is a solid blue color with white wavy lines representing clouds at the bottom and small white birds in flight.

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association Update for May 2023

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AIWA- Who We Are

- Organized in 1999 as a advocacy, membership organization to encourage the continuation and further development of waterborne commerce and recreation on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.
- The Association advocates for regular dredging and adequate maintenance to promote safe, cost-effective navigation.
- Grateful partners with the N.C. Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association with Dennis Barbour as a current AIWA Board Member and NCBIWA Representative.



March 2023 DC
Advocacy Trips
13 meetings
with Members
and Staff



FY23 and FY24 Federal Funding Update

State	FY 2023 Final Appropriations	FY 2024 President's Budget	FY 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
VA	\$11.006M	\$5.302M	\$0
NC	\$15.950M	\$6.373M	\$20.25M
SC	\$9.515M	\$8.52M	\$0M
GA	\$5.077M	\$4.028	\$0M
FL (AIWW/IWW)	\$11.23M	\$4.054M	\$0M
Total for AIWW/IWW	\$52.778M	\$28.277M	\$20.25M

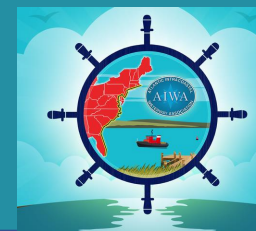
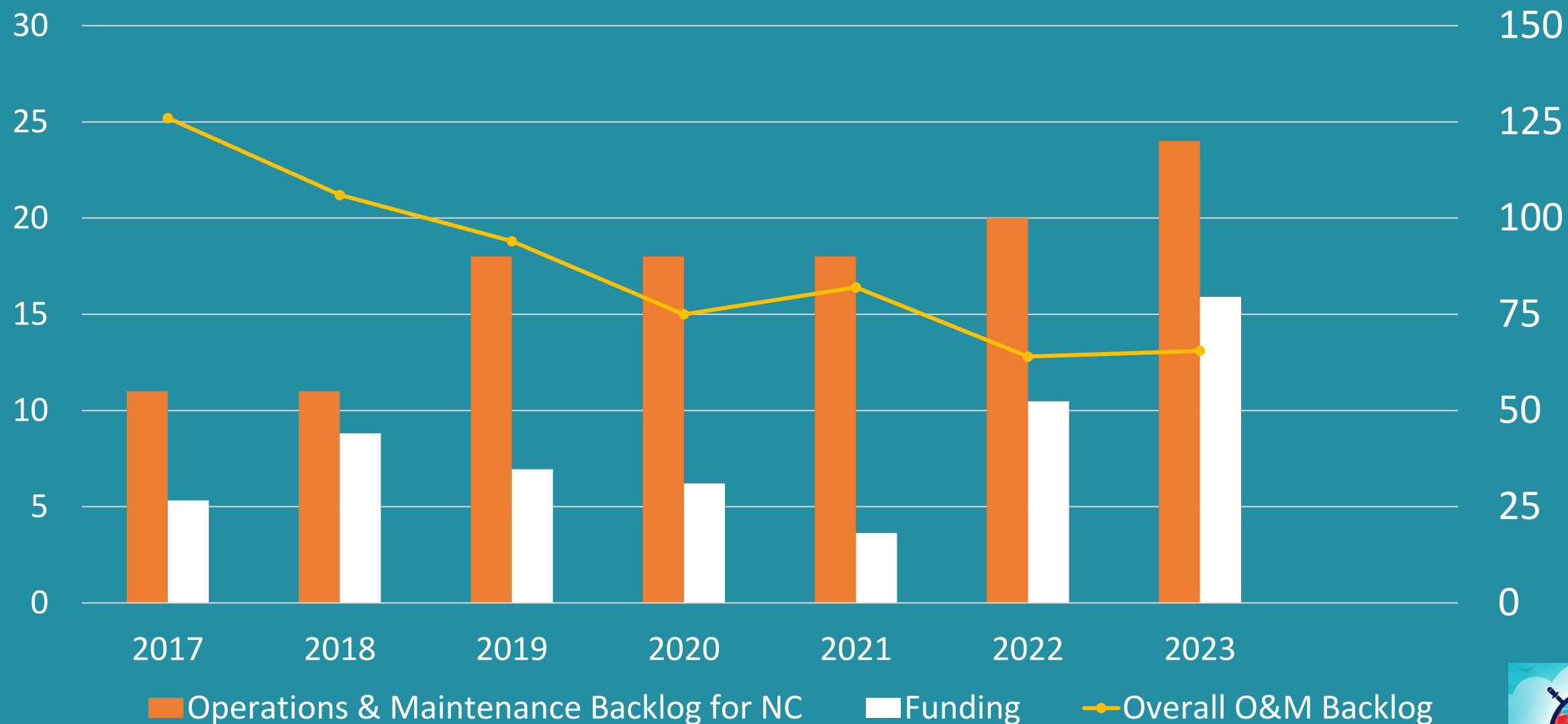


AIWW/IWW Needs Assessment 2023 Update

- WRRDA 2014 requires Corps of Engineers to quantify annual maintenance dredging needs of AIWW/IWW and provide report to Congress.
- 2023 estimate is \$65.5M to return to authorized width and depth (2016 estimate was \$126M). NC is \$24M.
- Annual Maintenance estimate is \$61.5M (2016 estimate was \$50.2M). NC is \$17M.
- Maintenance dredging projects conducted or planned in every state from VA to FL in 2023 and 2024.



North Carolina through the years



Moving forward!

- Continue engagement on execution of FY23 Appropriations and BIL funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Support FY24 district amounts while pursuing Additional Dredging Needs funding pots.
- Partner with agencies and stakeholders in support of beneficial use of dredge materials.
- Continue outreach to elected officials through periodic communications and Washington, D.C. Advocacy trips. Attended meetings in DC this week.
- Provide opportunities for engagement between stakeholders and decision-makers through collaboration with partner organizations. Next opportunity is Annual Meeting in North Carolina in November.



North Atlantic Right Whale and vessel speed restrictions

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to Decision
Makers**



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Thank You and Questions?

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