

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 peninsula. 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 2025

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AIWA- Who We Are

- Organized in 1999 as an 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 2025 DC Advocacy Trips 12 meetings with Members and Staff, 4 additional meetings in May



Actions and activities that we are monitoring in Washington, D.C.

- FY25 funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is being developed via a workplan and is due next week
- FY26 Presidential “skinny” budget allocates less than the anticipated final amount for the USACE in the FY25 Continuing Resolution
- Awaiting hearings and confirmation of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
- FEMA Acting Administrator fired yesterday
- FEMA considering increasing threshold for major disaster declaration
- New nominee for Maritime Administration announced this week
- Recommendation to not allow federal funding for Category G projects
- Substantial cuts to multiple programs and federal agencies
- Reductions in workforce across the government
- Reconciliation and impoundment



FY24 and FY25 Federal Funding Update

State	FY 2024 Approps including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	FY 2025 President's Budget	FY 2025 Senate Approps Bill	FY 2025 House Approps Bill
VA	\$5.302M	\$5.292M	\$5.292M	\$5.292M
NC	\$26.623M	\$10.935M	\$10.935M	\$15.157M
SC	\$8.52M	\$8.628M	\$8.628M	\$8.628M
GA	\$4.028M	\$4.235M	\$4.235M	\$4.235M
FL (AIWW/IWW)	\$4.054M	\$4.181M	\$4.181M	\$10.181M
Total for AIWW/IWW	\$48.527M	\$33.271M	\$33.271M	\$43.493M
NJIWW	\$10.301M	\$5.795M	\$5.795M	\$5.795M



State				
VA				
NC				
SC				
GA				
FL (AIWW/IVW)				
Total for AIWW/IVW				
NJIWW	\$10.55M	\$3.75M	\$3.75M	\$3.75M

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FY 25 Federal Funding Pots

Congress annually adds additional programmatic funding through Additional Dredging Needs Funding pots. The AIWW and IWW are eligible from funding through three of these line items. If included in the final appropriations bill, these funds will be allocated by USACE for additional dredging needs.

- General Navigation - House: \$931.945 million, Senate: \$20 million
- Inland Waterways - House: \$50 million, Senate: \$64.987 million
- Small, Remote & Subsistence Navigation - House: \$90 million, Senate: \$329,178 million

ALL GONE WITH CONTINUING RESOLUTION

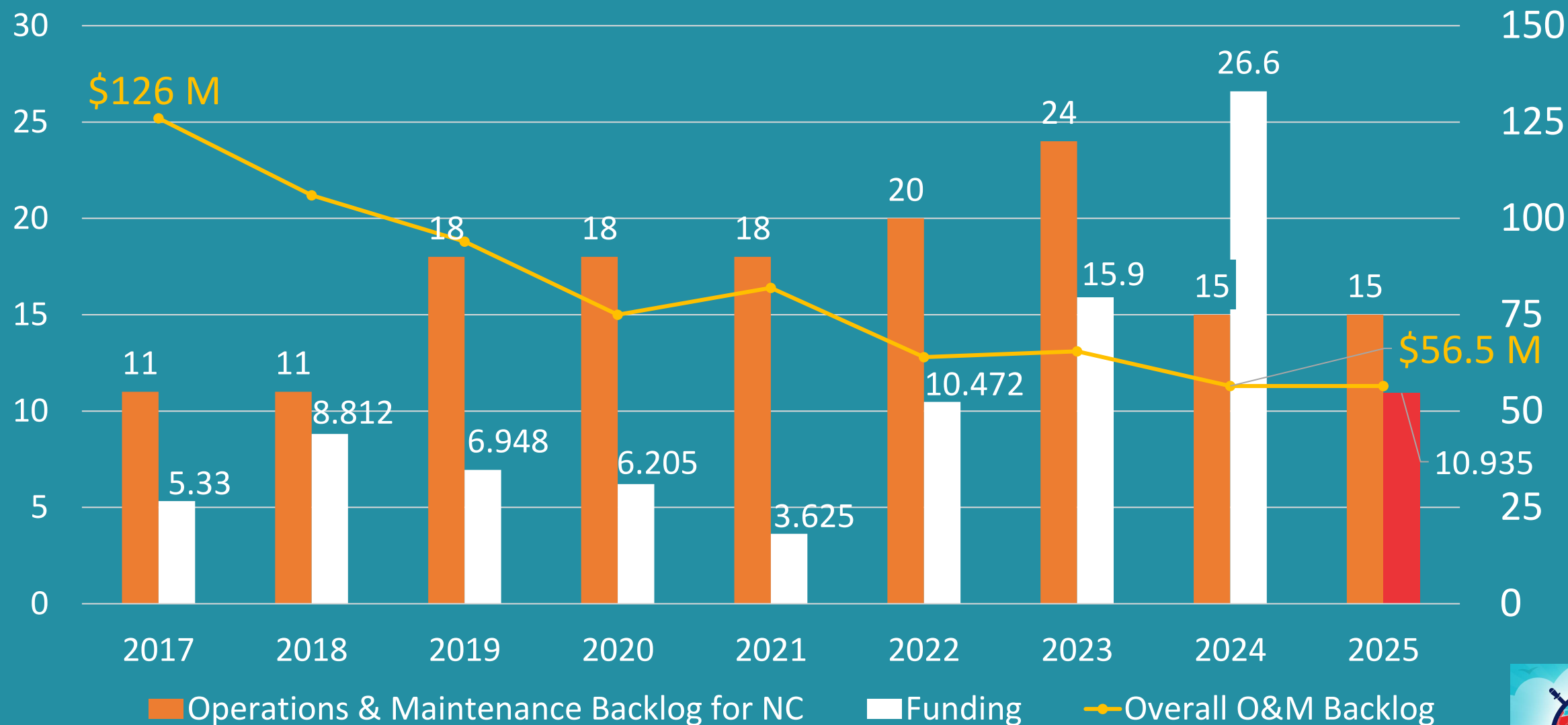


AIWW/IWW Needs Assessment 2025 Update

- WRRDA 2014 requires Corps of Engineers to quantify annual maintenance dredging needs of AIWW/IWW and provide report to Congress.
- 2025 estimate is \$56.5M to return to authorized width and depth (2016 estimate was \$126M). NC is \$15M.
- Annual Maintenance estimate is \$53M (2016 estimate was \$50.2M). NC is \$7M.
- Maintenance dredging projects conducted or planned in every state from VA to FL in 2025.

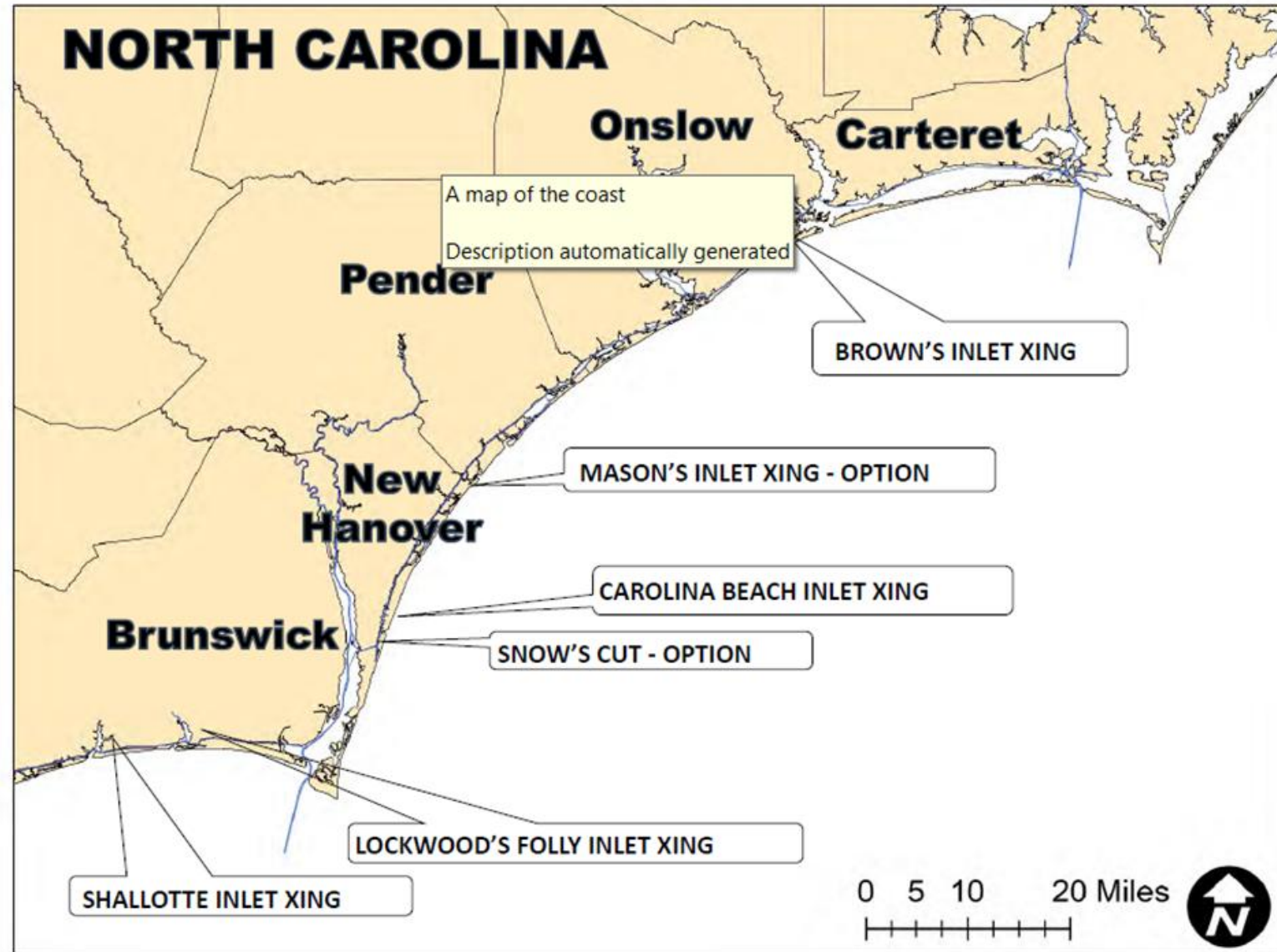


North Carolina through the years





FY26 AIWW INLET CROSSING MAINTENANCE DREDGING



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FY24-25 Sediment Rehandling at Breach Inlet



LOCATION: Charleston County, South Carolina

SCOPE: Remove beach compatible sand from upland placement areas and place on adjacent beaches

DREDGE TYPE: Pipeline

PLACEMENT: Nearshore, Surf Zone

QUANTITY: 600,000 CY

DEPTH: 5-6 foot cut in upland placement area

ROM: \$5M - \$10M

BUSINESS TYPE: IFB - Restricted

ADVERTISE: November 2023

BID OPENING: December 2023

AWARD: January 2024

ISSUE NTP: January 2024

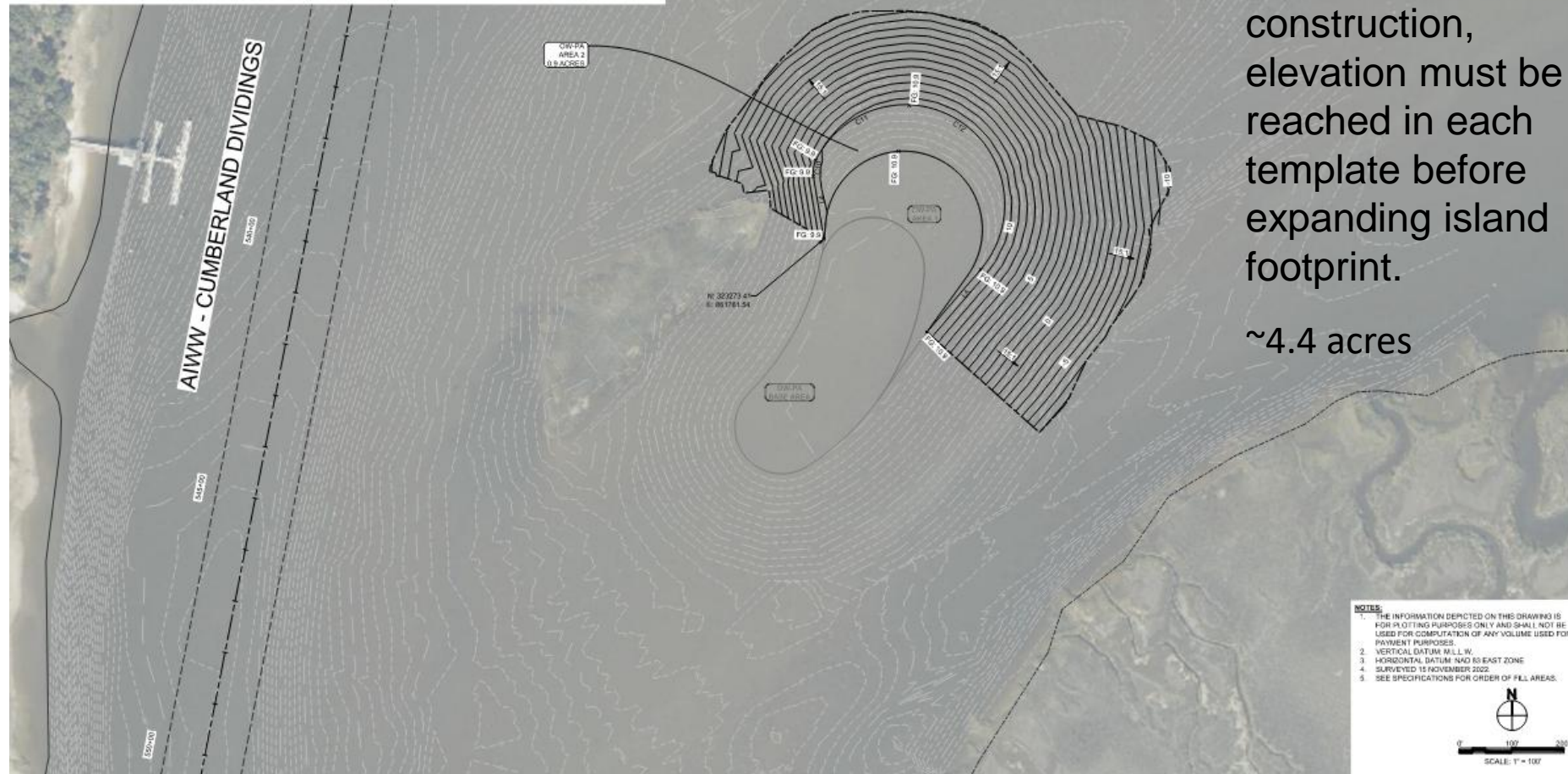
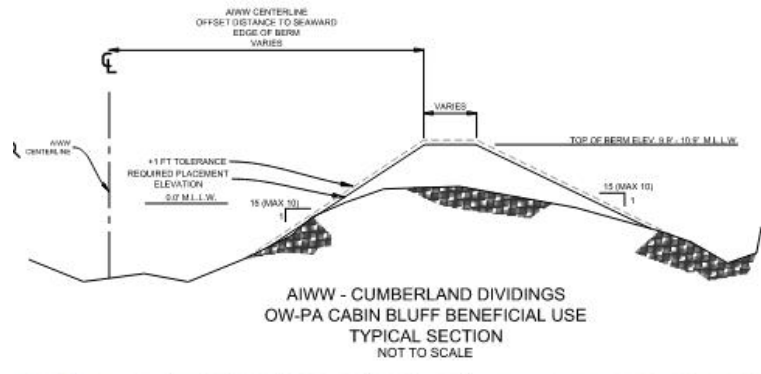
COMMENCE DREDGING: February 2024

DREDGE COMPLETE: June 2024



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FY23 AIWW O&M DREDGING WITH BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGED MATERIAL



Moving forward!

- Continue engagement on execution of appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Support FY26 district amounts while pursuing Additional Dredging Needs funding pots. FY 25 Corps work plan later this month.
- 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 for FY26 appropriations. 12 meetings held in March 2025 and four meetings on May 17, 2025.
- Continue engagement on waterway closures for non-waterway maintenance.
- Provide opportunities for engagement between stakeholders and decision-makers through collaboration with partner organizations. Our 2025 Annual Meeting will be held from November 17-19, 2025 in Savannah, GA.



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Thank You and Questions?

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