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WODA Interventions

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Title of meeting	38 th meeting of the London Convention and London Protocol Scientific Groups
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Location	London, UK
Name of CEDA representative	Craig Vogt, Chair WODA Env. Commission (WEDA), Craig Vogt Inc. USA
Notes by	Craig Vogt
Key points of interest to CEDA	<p>The parties to the London Convention and Protocol have been concerned that the Waste Assessment Guidelines were really targeted to the developed world. For that reason, CEDA/WODA developed the low technology low cost waste assessment guidelines for developing countries several years back.</p> <p>The follow-up to that activity is development of low technology low cost monitoring guidance documents. The first is focused on field monitoring and the second will be focused upon compliance monitoring. The draft field monitoring guidance was sponsored by Environment Canada, and produced by a consultant. The draft was approved by the Scientific Group and forwarded to the governing bodies for approval in the Fall 2015 meeting. The compliance document is in early draft. The effort has been led by a LC/LP work group, co-chaired by Andy Birchenough (Member of the CEDA Environment Commission) of the United Kingdom and Suzanne Agius of Environment Canada.</p> <p>WODA has made the following interventions:</p> <p><u>World Dredging Congress</u></p> <p>The World Dredging Congress will be held in Miami, Florida, USA, 13-17 June 2016. World Dredging Congresses (WODCONS) are organized once every three years by WODA, the World Organization of Dredging Associations. WODCONS, the only worldwide events dedicated exclusively to dredging and maritime construction, provide a unique platform for researchers and practitioners from industry, academia and governments to meet and discuss dredging.</p> <p>WODCON XXI will showcase some 120 technical papers over three days covering all aspects of dredging and maritime construction. Technical seminars and technical tours of port facilities are being planned.</p> <p>Interested authors are invited to submit one page abstracts. Deadline for abstracts is September 15, 2015. See www.WesternDredging.org for more information.</p> <p>The Congress is open to all, and we at WODA hope to see you or your colleagues in Miami in June 2016.</p>

Understanding dredging

	<p><u>WODA/CEDA publishes a new position paper on Adaptive Management</u></p> <p>Prepared by its Working Group on Adaptive Management, WODA/CEDA – has published a new paper which aims to further the debate on Adaptive Management (AM), as an important tool, in managing dredging and reclamation projects in an environmentally friendly manner.</p> <p>Entitled ‘Integrating Adaptive Environmental Management into Dredging Projects’ the paper covers the objectives for applying AM. It looks in detail at the circumstances that define opportunities for AM; the conditions which various stakeholders need to fulfil; and considers how AM should be governed during project implementation. Finally, it presents lessons learned using case histories based on successful applications, for a range of dredging projects, in different parts of the World.</p> <p>Go to ceda@dredging.org for a copy.</p> <p><u>CEDA Information paper on Environmental Monitoring</u></p> <p>The CEDA Information paper on Environmental Monitoring will be published this week. The paper is strongly related to the Adaptive Management report, will also be submitted to the for the Fall meeting of the governing bodies, and will be available on the CEDA website, www.dredging.org.</p> <p>This paper describes why and how environmental monitoring is undertaken. Reference is made to different types of monitoring in relation to the different stages of a dredging project, and a series of included case studies illustrate monitoring methods and uses. The case studies contain different types of monitoring, including: baseline monitoring, surveillance monitoring and compliance monitoring.</p> <p><u>WODA Workshop Underwater Sound, 26 March 2015, Paris</u></p> <p>WODA (World Organization of Dredging Associations) conducted an underwater sound workshop in Paris in March 2015 which presented the latest knowledge on the acoustic impacts of dredging on aquatic species.</p> <p>Entitled ‘Underwater Sound in Relation to Dredging’, some of the key outcomes of the workshop include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where the industry talks about ‘sound’, regulator language is on ‘noise’. One might say that sound becomes noise when a threshold that poses a risk of detrimental impact is exceeded. In that case, noise needs to be regulated. - The effects of underwater sounds produced by dredging are mainly ‘masking’ or behavioural responses, for which quantifiable standards will be difficult to set. - It is challenging to compare the impact of underwater sound by dredging on fish with the impact of commercial fishing on fish. - The statement ‘we lack information’ was made more than once. It underlines the importance for broad, multi-disciplinary cooperation in research and regulatory frameworks. <p>CEDA will make the presentations (power points and video recordings) available to LC/LP members, sending a link. Those interested should send an e-mail to the CEDA Secretariat: ceda@dredging.org.</p> <p><u>WEDA Dredging Summit and Exposition. Houston, Texas, USA.</u></p> <p>WODA invited all delegate and their colleagues to the Western Dredging Association Dredging Summit and Exposition in Houston, June 22-26, 2015. The theme is Dredgers, Environment, and Commerce. Technical seminars will be conducted on Monday, June 22, and technical tours of the Port of Houston will be conducted on June 26, following the technical program.</p>
<p>CEDA action needed Deadline:</p>	<p>None.</p>