

**FINAL DRAFT**  
**SUMMARY OF THE DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 3, 2017, 9:00 AM**  
**Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center**  
**323 Sollers Point Road**  
**Baltimore, MD 21222**

**Attendees:**

*Baltimore Port Alliance (BPA):* Eric Nielson  
*Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC):* Fran Taylor  
*EcoLogix Group:* Steve Pattison  
*Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR):* Bruce Michael, Richard Ortt  
*Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE):* Matt Rowe  
*Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA):* Chris Correale  
*Maryland Environmental Service (MES):* Benjamin Langer  
*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries):* Kristy Beard  
*Rukert Terminals:* Steve Landess  
*University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES):* Donald Boesch, David Nemazie  
*US Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (CENAP):* Gavin Kaiser

**Action Items:**

1. None

**Statements for the Record:**

1. None

**1.0 Introductions, Approval of Meeting Summary Ms. Chris Correale, MDOT MPA**

Ms. Correale welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and state whom they represent. Ms. Correale requested comments on or changes to the summary from the September 11, 2017, Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) Management Committee meeting. No comments or changes were received. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the meeting summary as final. Mr. Landess seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.0 Overview and Discussion of 2017 DMMP Annual Report Dr. Donald Boesch, UMCES**

Ms. Correale stated that one change was made to the 2017 DMMP Annual Report. The change would be discussed after Dr. Boesch provides a review of the report. Dr. Boesch provided a brief overview of the 2017 DMMP Annual Report and its recommendations.

Dr. Boesch stated that the 2017 DMMP Annual Report must be accepted by the Management Committee before it could be presented at the DMMP Annual meeting at 10:00 am; he added that discussions on the contents of the 2017 DMMP Annual Report would occur during both meetings. After approval by the Committee, the 2017 DMMP Annual Report will be presented to the DMMP Executive Committee at its November 9, 2017 meeting. The 2017 DMMP Annual Report has been a

quintessential stakeholder process involving various interest groups including pilots, the maritime industry, and State and Federal resource agencies. Dr. Boesch informed the Committee that he will no longer be attending the Management Committee meetings and that Dr. Peter Goodwin would be attending instead. Dr. Boesch stated that the Committee has until close of business November 3, 2017, to submit comments/edits for the 2017 DMMP Annual Report. The 2017 DMMP Annual Report keeps those involved with the Committee and elected officials focused on what DMMP efforts were conducted over the previous year and outlines ten recommendations for 2018. Dr. Boesch asked the Committee if an overview of the ten recommendations was needed before they are discussed at the DMMP Annual Meeting. The Committee declined the offer of an overview of the ten recommendations. Dr. Boesch stated that the Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division (NAD), Baltimore District (CENAB)'s federal Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) was accepted on October 31, 2017, by the United States Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters (USACE HQ) two months prior to the deadline expressed in the 2017 DMMP Annual Report; the acceptance of the federal DMMP will allow CENAB to move forward with the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project (Mid-Bay).

Dr. Boesch opened the floor to comments on the 2017 DMMP Annual Report. Ms. Correale stated that MDOT MPA will update the 2017 DMMP Annual Report to reflect the October 31, 2017 approval date of the federal DMMP; she added that the approval of the federal DMMP is a huge milestone. The federal DMMP must now be approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA). Ms. Correale stated that the delay in the acceptance of the federal DMMP was one of several hindrances that caused delay in Mid-Bay's progress; CENAB was previously prohibited from allocating any funds to the project due to its status as inactive for budgetary purposes. USACE HQ is in the process of updating the cost estimate and completing the Record of Decision for Mid-Bay.

Ms. Correale expressed gratitude for Maryland's Senators, Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, who met with the Chief of Engineers, Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, to discuss the federal DMMP. After the meeting, Lieutenant General Semonite began internal discussions to review and approve the federal DMMP. Ms. Correale stated that without the intervention of Maryland's senators, we would not be where we are today.

### **3.0 Acceptance of DMMP 2017 Annual Report**

**Ms. Chris Correale, MDOT MPA**

Ms. Correale asked for a motion to accept the 2017 DMMP Annual Report. Mr. Landess raised the motion to accept the 2017 DMMP Annual Report; it was seconded by Mr. Taylor. The 2017 DMMP Annual Report was unanimously accepted by the Committee.

### **4.0 Closing Comments and Adjournment**

**Ms. Chris Correale, MDOT MPA**

Ms. Correale introduced Mr. Gavin Kaiser to the Committee and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr. Kaiser works for the Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic, Philadelphia District (CENAP) as the project manager for the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and attends the Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) meetings.

The proposed dates for the 2018 DMMP Management Committee meetings are March 28, June 27, September 26, and November 2. The November 2, 2018 DMMP Management Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2018 DMMP Annual Meeting.

Mr. Boesch asked when Pearce Creek DMCF would be operational. Mr. Kaiser responded that the closeout of the project and the first dredging event is expected to occur at the end of November 2017.

Mr. Boesch asked if a public announcement/press release will be made when the DMCF becomes operational. Mr. Kaiser responded that CENAP is scheduling a meeting/public tour of the site in coordination with the PCIC for community residents and the public as well as an elected officials outreach tour of the site in December 2017. Mr. Boesch asked if CENAP and the PCIC are planning a broader communication for the project. Ms. Correale responded that the PCIC is not planning to perform broad communications on the project at this time as homes are either currently being connected to the new drinking water supply system or are receiving bottled water provided by CENAP until the time the home can be connected; all homes are expected to be connected to the new system by May 2018. Mr. Boesch stated that he understands why the PCIC would want to wait before conducting broad communication of the project and suggested that if the project were properly described to the public it would show a positive story of how the local, State, and Federal agencies worked together for the betterment of the community. Ms. Correale thanked Mr. Boesch for his suggestion and stated that timing of the broad communication is important and will include the two major milestones of the project: first placement of dredged material at the reactivated site and the completion of all residential connections to the new system.

The 2017 DMMP Executive Committee meeting will be held on November 9, 2017. There were no additional comments; Ms. Correale thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.