

# Managing Sediments in the Watershed:

## *Bringing Dredged Material and Watershed Managers Together*

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# Who and what are NDT and SIMOR?



# National Dredging Team

- Federal interagency group established:
  - To promote national and regional consistency on dredging issues, and to implement the National Dredging Policy.
  - To provide a forum for conflict resolution and information exchange early in the dredging process.
  - To facilitate creation and operations of Regional Dredging Teams (RDTs) and Local Planning Groups (LPGs).



# National Dredging Policy

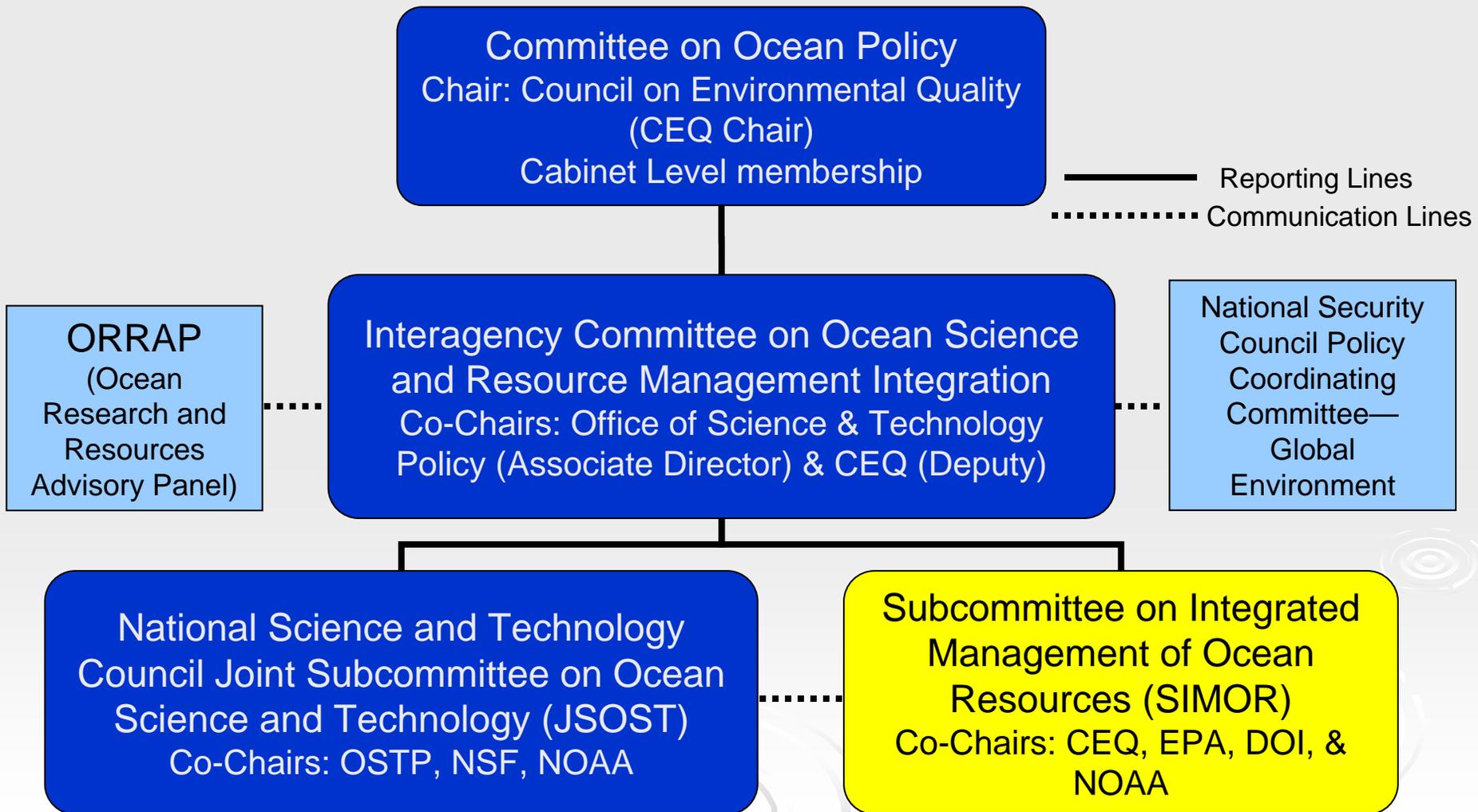
- The National Dredging Policy, which consists of 5 findings and 4 principles, is consistent with, and does not alter, the basic laws that apply to dredging.
- The findings refer to the importance of:
  - ports and harbors,
  - water resources,
  - consistent and integrated application of environmental statutes, and
  - close coordination and planning at all levels.

# National Dredging Policy (cont)

## ➤ The principles are:

- The regulatory process must be timely, efficient, and predictable, to the maximum extent practicable.
- Advanced dredged material management planning must be conducted on a regional scale by partnerships including all stakeholders.
- Dredged material managers must become more involved in watershed planning to emphasize the importance of point and non-point source pollution controls to reduce harbor sediment contamination.
- Dredged material is a resource, and environmentally-sound beneficial use must be encouraged.

# Implementation of the U.S. Ocean Action Plan----- SIMOR



# SIMOR

- Focuses on implementing ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes management actions that will benefit from interagency coordination.
- 19 member agencies and offices
- SIMOR Work Plan
  - Support Regional and Local collaboration
  - Facilitate science/technology in ocean resource management
  - Enhance resource management to improve use and conservation
  - Enhance ocean education



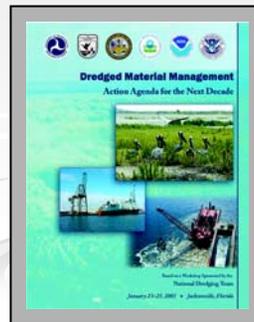
# Why host this conference?

## SIMOR:

- Support regional and local collaboration.
- Best practices in dredging and sediment management.

## NDT

- Sediment/dredged material management is a priority action.
- Planning is happening. However, can we improve results by better integration of the efforts of the dredged material planners/managers and the watershed protection planners/managers?



# Conference Objectives

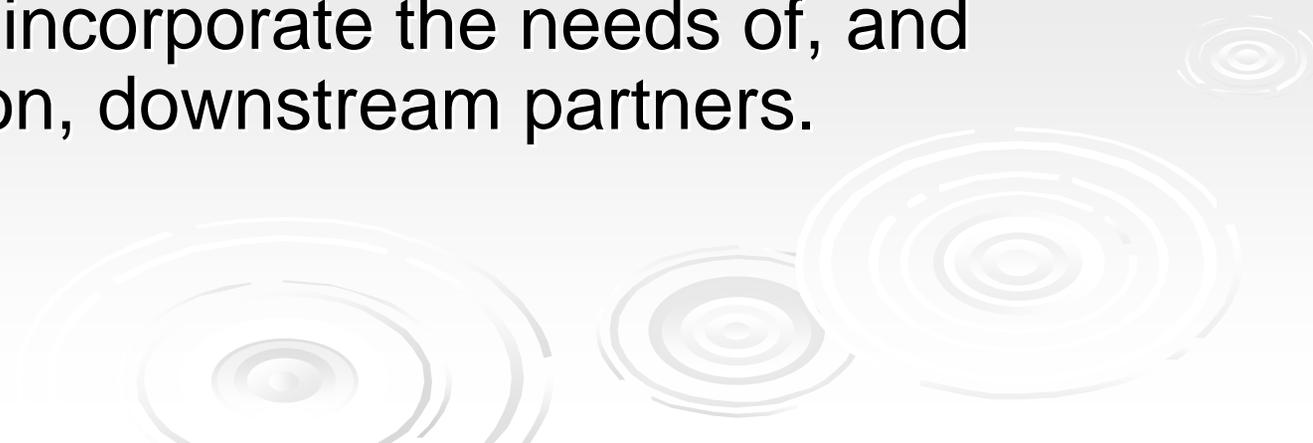
- Facilitate dialogue among dredged material and watershed stakeholders.
- Identify steps needed to include dredged material management in watershed plans.
- Identify steps needed to include a broader watershed perspective in dredged material management planning.



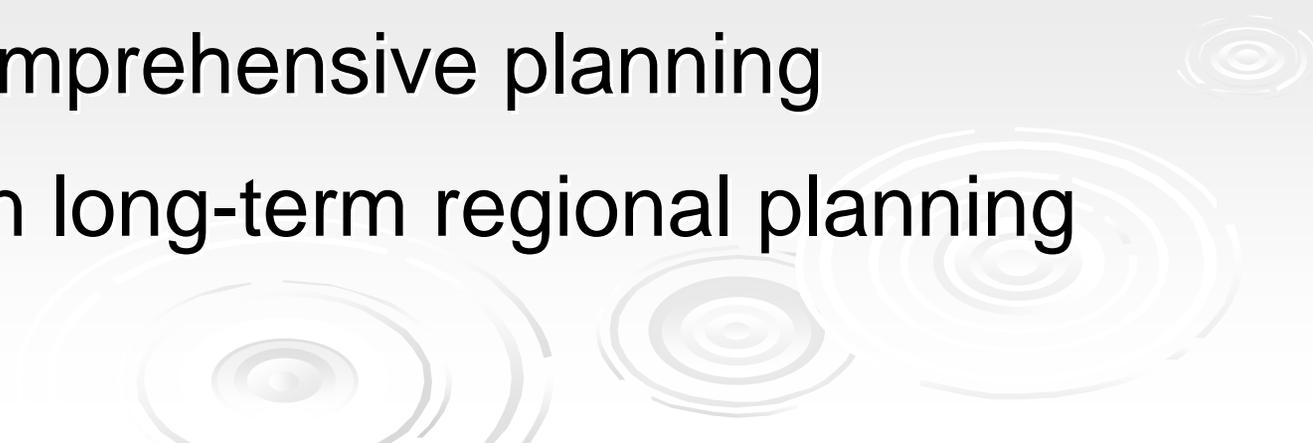
# Expected results

## ➤ Lay the groundwork to:

- Strengthen coordination at the regional and local level.
- Reduce sediment and contaminant loads before they become material to be dredged.
- Identify key actions to ensure watershed planners incorporate the needs of, and impacts on, downstream partners.



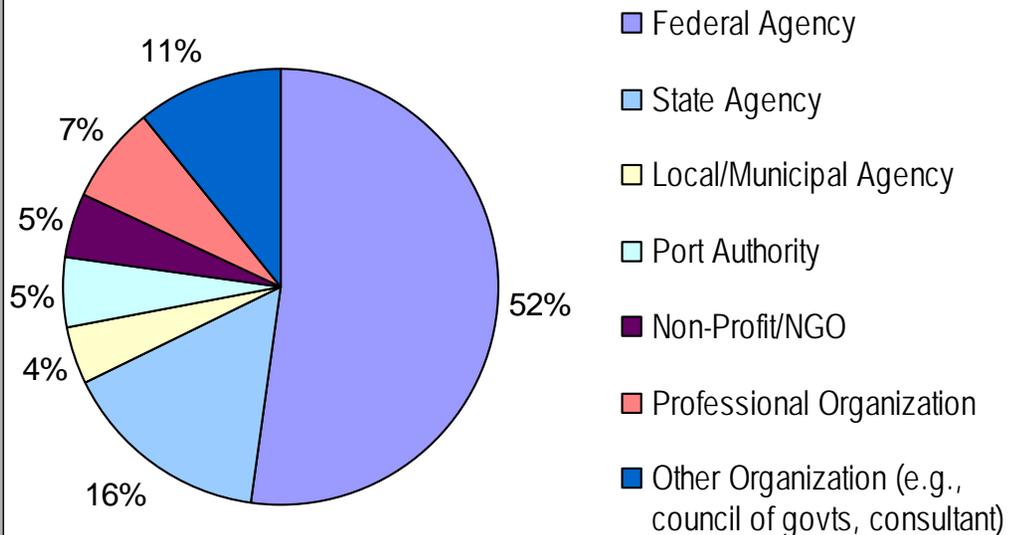
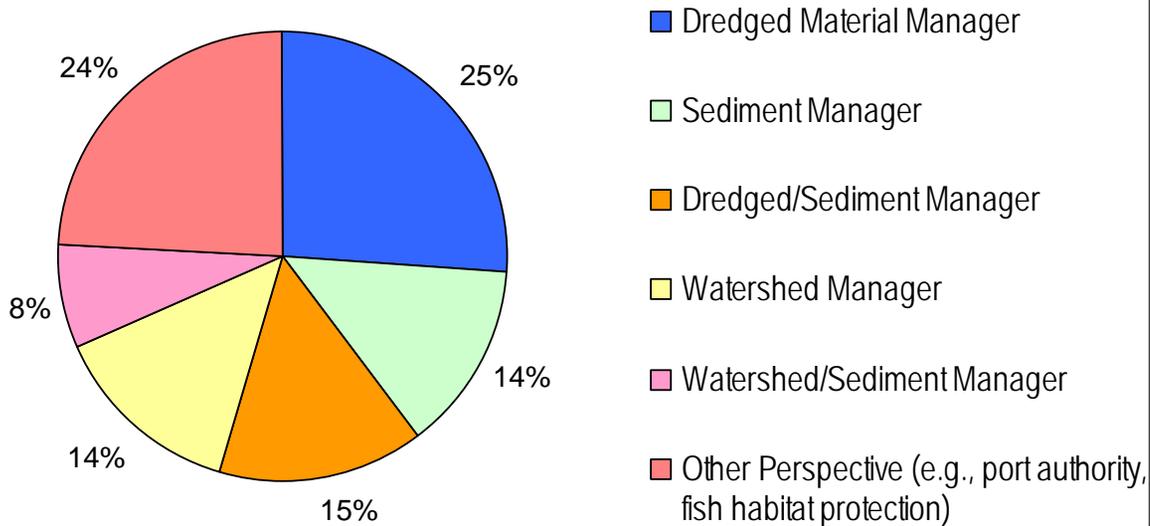
# What can we accomplish?

- Improve water quality
  - Strengthen port productivity through open and safe navigable channels
  - Improve flood and storm reduction efforts
  - Leverage resources
  - Ensure comprehensive planning
  - Strengthen long-term regional planning
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**So, who else is here?**



# Conference participants



# Conference Overview

- Day 1: Establish a common language
- Day 2: Identify where we would like to go
- Day 3: Setting next steps

How can SIMOR and other regional initiatives help with Conference next steps

