



# Managing Sediments in the Watershed: Bringing Dredged Material and Watershed Managers Together

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**Breakout Session 6-5 Report out:**

Where do we need to go?

# What are benefits of coordination?

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- Efficiency
- Long term cost savings
- Holistic approach
- Innovative uses of resources
- Development of policy
- Awareness to water managers
- Acceptance
- Identification of secondary benefits
- Better informed regulatory decisions

# What are challenges for coordinating?

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- Resources (e.g., \$ and people)
- Policy and regulations (multijurisdictional)
- Education
- Involvement of everyone in process
- Incentives (e.g., farmers)
- Time
- Identification of right people
- Flexibility of agency roles

# What needs to be coordinated?

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- Problems
- Goals
- Funding
- Long and short-term planning goals
- Identification of stakeholders
- Data needs
- Available data
- Laws and regulations
- Roles, responsibilities, and missions

# Who needs to be involved?

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- All levels of decision makers
- Resource managers
- Property owners
- Water users (e.g., port)
- Academia (e.g., extension centers)
- Environmental groups
- Appropriators and rulemakers
- Public interest groups
- Regulated community
- Drinking water and Water quality standards people

# What are the steps to initiate and improve coordination?

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- Hold local workshops
- Continue coordination and communication (in and outside of region)
- Develop shared goal statement
- Identify core group and resource appropriately
- Opportunity to streamline process
- Work with organizations who are updating work plans to integrate RSM
- Update funding managers
- Identify opportunities
- Educate “all” on watershed perspective
- Develop innovative ideas

# *Other information*

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- March forward