

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition Praises the conference agreement for the Water Resources Reform Development Act (WRRDA) of

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Coalition Calls on Congress to pass the WRRDA as Soon as Possible

WASHINGTON, May 16, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition today was very pleased with the announcement of the conference agreement on a WRRDA that establishes annual target appropriations levels for increased spending of funds from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) leading to full use of HMTF funds by 2025.

Barry Holliday, Chairman of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition, "We are especially thankful to the outstanding bi-partisan leadership of House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster and Ranking Member Nick Rahall; House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Bob Gibbs and Ranking Member Tim Bishop, and Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Chairman Barbara Boxer and Ranking Member David Vitter." "We encourage the House and Senate to pass this WRRDA and urge the President to sign this critical Water Resources bill, so that we may begin to Realize America's Maritime Promise (RAMP)."

The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition was established in 2008, to seek legislation that will ensure that all tax revenues annually generated by the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for their intended purpose – operation and maintenance of Federal ports and waterways. Member organizations represent a broad spectrum of maritime interests, including maritime unions, shippers, carriers, Ports, major trade associations, coalitions, regional port and waterway organizations, dredging contractors, and States.

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