

AAPA Quality Partnership Initiative Update

*For Harbors and Navigation
Committee*

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3 FOCUS AREAS:

1. Meetings - plans for Spring 2022 and beyond
2. Webinars – topics of interest
3. Issues –
 - Legislation
 - Corps Policy
 - Communication and Collaboration – consistent application

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MEETINGS

- Last in person meeting: Fall 2019, Baltimore
- Oct joint meeting with Environment Committee converted to virtual over Govt travel approval – funding and pandemic.
- Timing of next meeting – March, April?
- Planning for in-person – Tampa willing to host
- Goal: DC meetings every 2 years – Fall 2018 was last DC meeting

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WEBINARS

- Past webinars listed on [QPI webpage](#)
- 2021 Webinars
 - WRDA 2020, Port Highlights (January 2021)
 - Hydrographic Services Review Panel (February 2021)
 - Threatened and Endangered Species Coordination Change (April 2021)
 - Regional Sediment Management Update (May 2021)
 - Understanding Federal Grant and Loan Funding Opportunities for U.S. Ports (June 2021)
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (August 2021)
- Frequency: Monthly, every other month, quarterly?

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FUTURE WEBINARS

- Topic suggestions:
 - Resilience
 - Decarbonization
 - Mitigation
 - Ports and Marine Sanctuaries
 - Environmental Justice
 - OTHERS?

WRDA 2022 Tentative Schedule

July 2021: Senate hearing on WRDA

November 2021: WRDA Requests to Senate

Nov – Dec 2021: Senate Members WRDA Requests

Dec 2021: Staff Reviews of Requests

Jan – Feb 2022: Senate Finalize Committee Initial Draft of WRDA 2022

Dec 2021 House T&I starting to discuss w/stakeholders

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ISSUES

- Submerged pipelines
- Mitigation banks
- Dredged Material Placement Facilities
- OTHERS?

Summary

AAPA's QPI is envied by other stakeholder associations

Your active input and participation is essential to QPI's future

3 levels of issues:

- Corps District consistency
- Corps Policy issues
- WRDA legislation



Remember...
AAPA doesn't know it's an issue unless you say it's an issue!