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### MTSNAC WATERWAYS TEAM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY Tuesday, May 13, 2008 2:15 p.m. EDT

#### Participants

Amy Larson – National Waterways Conference and Team Chair  
Paul Bea – Coastwise Coalition  
Robert Burt – Mississippi State DOT  
Peter Peyton – June  
John Baker – ILA  
Sam Crane – U.S. Chamber of Commerce and June Chair  
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**Amy Larson**, Team Chair, began the conference call by stressing the need to highlight the importance of our inland and coastal waterways to the entire Marine Transportation System.

**Peter Peyton** pointed out that the Education Team, which he co-chairs, wants the Waterways Team to provide material on the waterways to be incorporated into the Education Team's education presentation. **Paul Bea** added that the Waterways Team should be looking at both the blue and brown water systems, i.e., inland, coastal and Great Lakes. In that vein, the team should also focus on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization effort coming up in 2009 and work to include the water mode in that legislation.

**Sam Crane** suggested that the team should emphasize two major elements of our nation's waterways: Loss of parts of the system due to neglect, and the need to maintain and update our waterways infrastructure

In addition to these, there is a need to highlight the value of the inland waterways to the agricultural sector which is helping to propel the country's export surge. We should also focus on what risks we face if we don't invest in our infrastructure.

**Amy Larson** summarized the discussion and offered her perspectives of the Team's goals:

1. In the near term, prepare for the St. Louis meeting. To that end, she requested that team members review the original Waterways presentation which had been prepared by **Worth Hager**, former team Chair, and provide her with recommendations and updates that will assist her in preparation for the upcoming June meeting in St. Louis in June.
2. In the long term, revise/condense the power point presentation to incorporate into the Ed. Team piece, and perhaps develop stand alone and regional pieces for the waterways team.

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