
State Funds for Dredging

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Created: Dredging Fund

Background:

Created the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel and Lake Dredging Fund in Section 14.22 of S.L. 2013-360

- Provides the State's share of the costs associated with any dredging project designed to keep shallow draft navigation channels located in State waters or waters of the state located within lakes navigable and safe
- Requires a \$1 for \$1 match
- Defines shallow draft navigation channel

Amended: Dredging Fund

Background:

Amended the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel and Lake Dredging Fund in Sec. 14.19 of S.L. 2014-100

- Expands purpose to include aquatic weed control projects in State lakes
- Limits aquatic weed funding to \$500,000 per year
- Requires a \$1 for \$1 match
- Cost-share for lakes located within the State Parks provided by the NC Division of Parks and Recreation
- Renames Fund: Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Lake Maintenance Fund

Funded: Dredging Fund

Sources (effective October 2013):

1. Boat registration fees – 50% of all fees
2. Boat title fees - \$10 of each new title
3. One-sixth of 1% of motor fuel tax credited to Highway Fund

Annual Revenue:

1. ~\$7 million
2. Over \$9 mil deposited in Fund through Jan 2014
3. Over \$8 mil allocated for projects

Deep Port Dredging

Background:

- 2 ports in NC – Wilmington and Morehead
- Funding for deep port dredging typically provided through the capital budget, “Water Resources Development Projects”
- Funding for ports dredging almost always addressed by General Assembly:
 - Wilmington - eligible project each of past 10 years
 - Morehead - eligible project in 8 of the past 10 years

Deep Port Dredging

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS STATE FUNDING HISTORY

Session Law	Fiscal Year	Total GF Appropriation ¹	Wilmington Harbor*	Morehead*	Dredging Contingency Fund
SL 2005-276	FY 2005-06	18,860,000	1,800,000	Not on Project List	n/a
SL 2006-66	FY 2006-07	20,000,000	5,275,000	1,200,000	2,295,000
SL 2007-323	FY 2007-08	20,000,000	6,333,000	Not on Project List	3,937,000
SL 2008-107	FY 2008-09	20,000,000	1,500,000	On Project List	3,619,000
SL 2009-451	FY 2009-10	4,875,000	On Project List	On Project List	On Project List
SL 2010-31	FY 2010-11	9,130,000	2,900,000	100,000	1,250,000
SL 2011-145	FY 2011-12	4,535,000	550,000	50,000	Not on Project List
SL 2012-142	FY 2012-13	5,000,000	7,700,000	On Project List	3,350,000**
SL 2013-360	FY 2013-14	11,522,000	4,769,000	On Project List	Not on Project List
SL 2014-100	FY 2014-15	5,810,000	4,800,000	On Project List	Not on Project List

1. Reflects new General Fund appropriations and not funds carried forward from previous fiscal year.

*Dollar amount represents total amount of funding provided for Wilmington or Morehead projects including harbor deepening, maintenance dredging, harbor maintenance, sand management and studies.

**Funding for Long Term MOA for dredging with Corps.