

2013 Public Meetings J. Bennett Johnston Waterway IMTS Lock Operations



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Agenda

- Call to Order – Greg Raimondo
- Opening Statements- Colonel Jeffrey Eckstein
- Introductions – James Ross
- Level of Service(LOS) for USACE Locks – James Ross
 - Inland Marine Transportation System(IMTS)
- JBJWW Levels Of Service – James Ross
- Statements – Public
- Adjourn – Greg Raimondo



Vicksburg District Representatives

Colonel Jeffrey Eckstein – District Commander

LTC John Tucker – Deputy District Commander

Gregory Raimondo– Public Affairs

Barbara Petersen – Acting Chief, Programs and Project Management

James Ross – Chief, Operations Division

Thomas Hengst – Chief, River Operations Branch

Skip Martin – Operations Project Manager, MNPO

Barry Sullivan – Chief, Navigation Branch, MNPO

Dan Moore - Vicksburg Planning Branch

Vicksburg District General Information

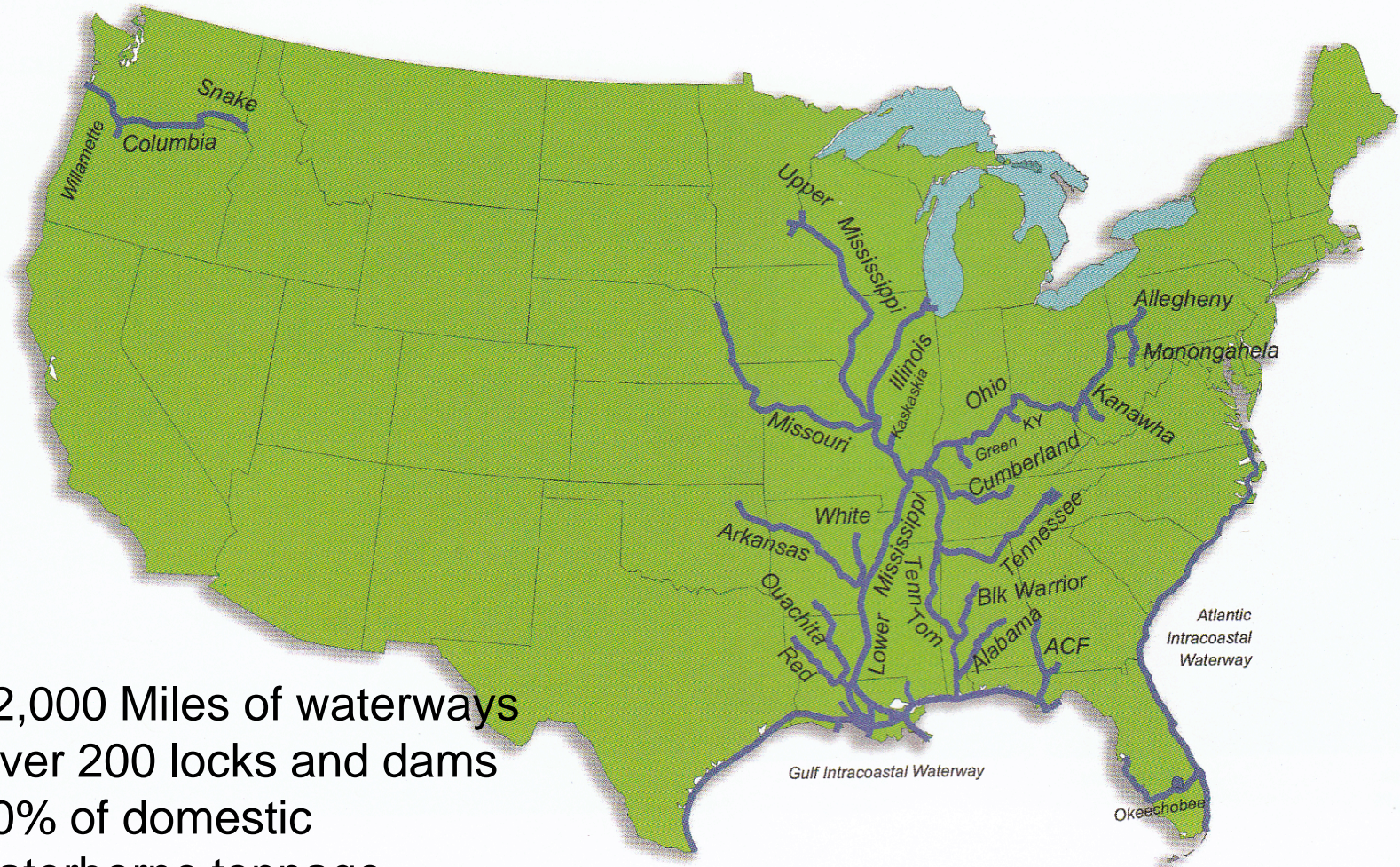
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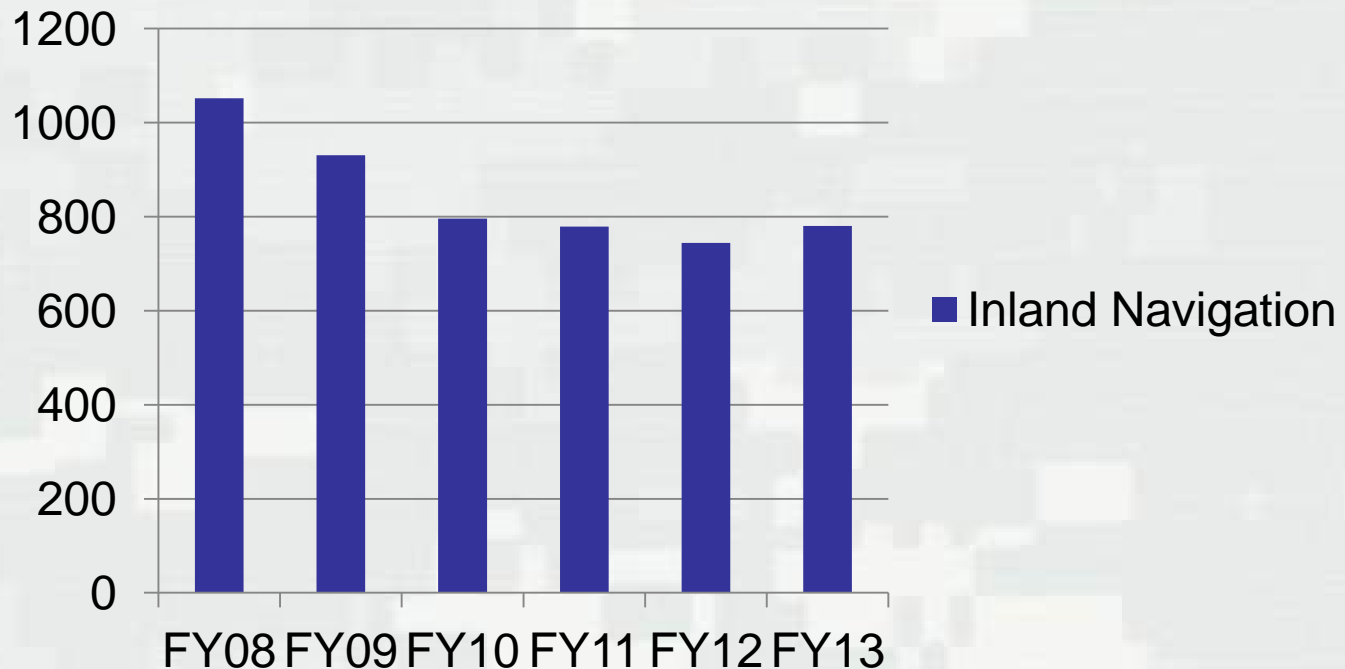
Inland Marine Transportation System (IMTS)



- 12,000 Miles of waterways
- Over 200 locks and dams
- 60% of domestic waterborne tonnage

Corps Navigation Funding Trends/Outlook

**President's Budget for USACE
Inland Navigation in Millions of Dollars**



IMTS Background

- NavLocks Study 2007-8
 - Diverse group of navigation subject matter experts
 - Business Process Review
 - 115 improvement ideas from workforce and industry
- Uniform process to evaluate Operations
 - Reduce cost/extend life of infrastructure
 - Consistency across all waterways



Levels of Service for Lock Operations

- In April 2012 received USACE directive to initiate implementation of Levels of Operating Service across all IMTS waterways
- No Impacts to environment and water control
- JBJWW unique due to contractor operations
 - Corps of Engineers (COE) objectives
 - Operation of lock within IMTS criteria
 - Continue water control procedures
 - Maintain facility
 - Contractor's responsibility to accomplish COE objectives
 - Contract allows flexibility in accomplishing objectives
- Public Meeting
 - Sharing of information
 - Input concerning impacts to waterway, community, economy, etc.
 - Ideas on lock operations concerning commercial and recreation traffic



Table 1: Definition of Levels of Service

Level #	Title	Description	Guideline for Range of Lock Operation Data
1	Full Service 24/7/365	24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year	More than 1000 commercial lockages per year
2	Reduced Service - Two Shifts Per Day	16-20 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (basically two shifts of either 8 or 10 hrs)	Between 500 to 1000 commercial lockages per year.
3	Limited Service - Single Shift	8-12 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year	100 to 500 commercial lockages per year or greater than 1000 recreational lockages per year
4	Scheduled Service - Set times per day	Lockages (including recreation craft) at set times per day. For example 8 a.m. and 4 pm.	Limited commercial (less than 100 per year) and/or substantial recreational traffic, with a more consistent daytime pattern of lockage
5	Weekends & Holidays	Lockages on weekends and holidays only	Little to no commercial lockages with significant recreational lockages (500 or more per year).
6	Service by Appointment	Commercial lockages by appointment	Limited commercial traffic with no consistent pattern of lockage.



JBJWW Levels of Service

Based Strictly on Commercial and Recreational Lockage Data for Fiscal Years 2009, 2010, and 2011

Level of Service 1

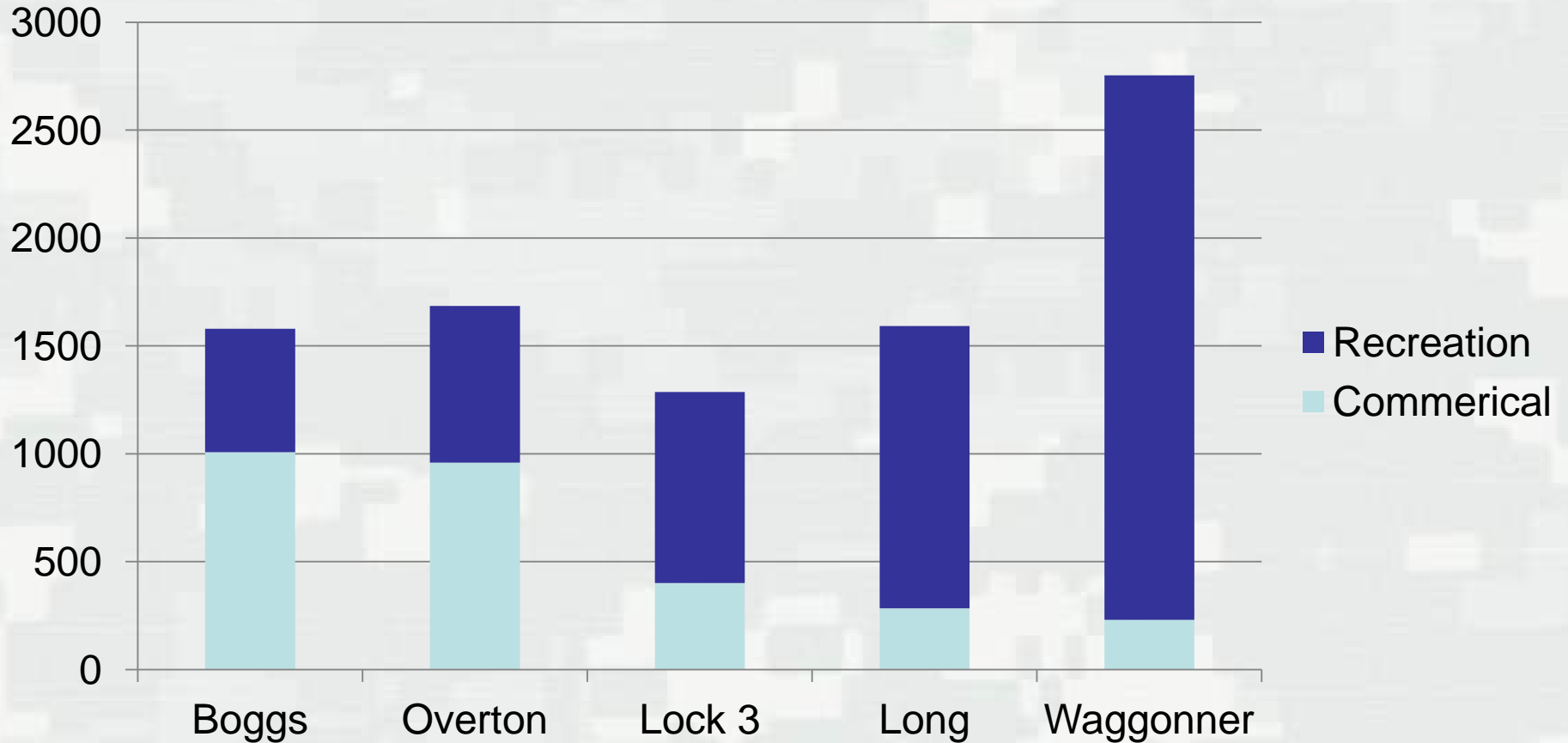
JBJWW Time Period	Boggs Commercial	Boggs Recreation	Overton Commercial	Overton Recreation
FY 09	919	593	834	810
FY 10	1127	456	1102	853
FY 11	976	667	940	516
3 YR Average	1007	572	959	726

Level of Service 3

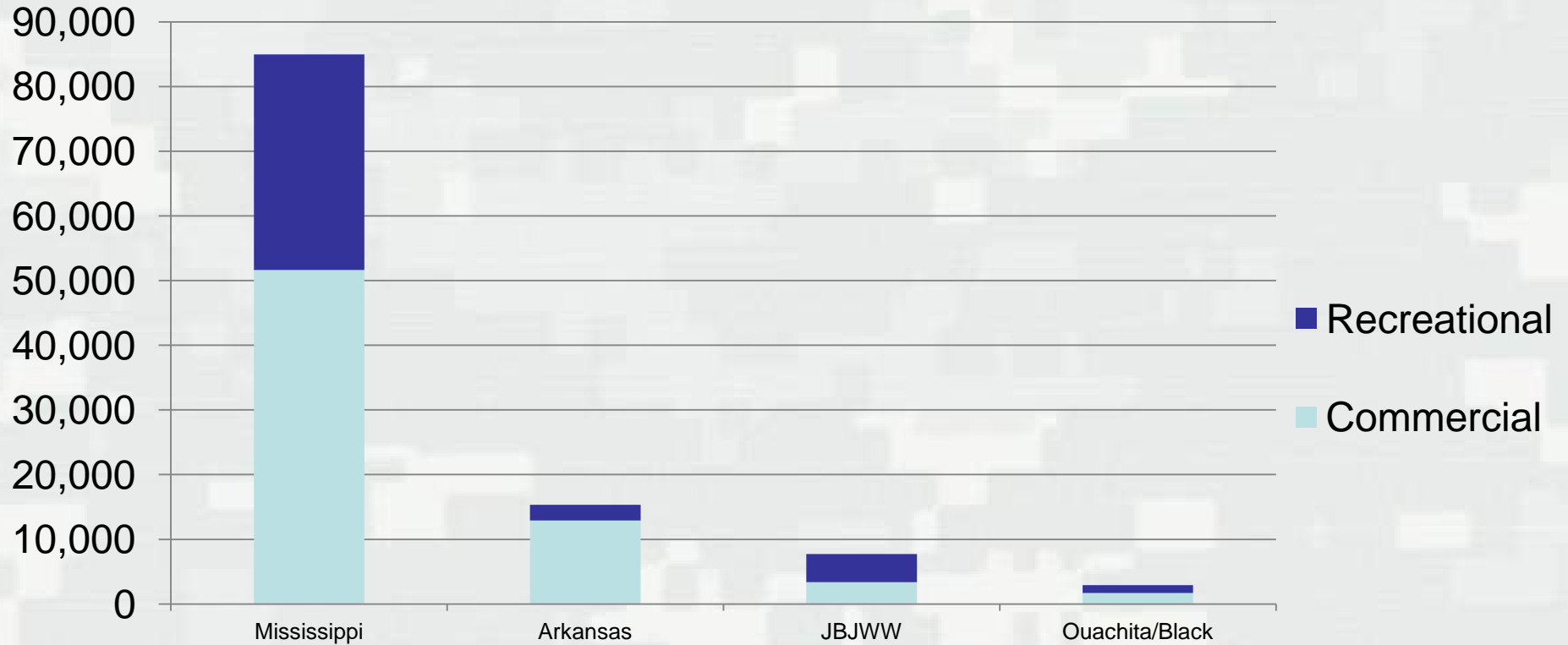
JBJWW Time Period	Lock 3 Commercial	Lock 3 Recreation	Long Commercial	Long Recreation	Waggonner Commercial	Waggonner Recreation
FY 09	277	417	157	1288	131	2544
FY 10	575	1279	400	1197	233	2389
FY 11	352	963	295	1438	326	2640
3 YR Average	401	886	284	1308	230	2524



2009-2011 Average Commercial And Recreational Lockages



2010 Commercial And Recreational Lockages By Waterway



JBJWW Locking Schedule To Be Initiated February 2014

- Consideration of other factors
 - Staffing for water control
 - Award of new contract
- Boggs and Overton – 24/ 7 days/365
- Lock 3, Long, and Waggoner – 20 hours/ 7 days/365
- Annual assessment of lockages
- Annual assessments based on rolling three year average
- Based on assessment, LOS can increase/decrease
- Future remote operations of water control could affect LOS for lockages



TRANSITION TIMELINE

December 2012	Initiated discussions with RRVA and RRWC
February 2013	Presented to RRVA Navigation Committee
March - April 2013	Public Meetings
April – May 2013	Respond to public meeting comments
June 2013	Advertise changes in hours of operation for each L&D in the Federal Register for 30 days
July 2013	Evaluate comments and make adjustments
January 2014	Award new lock and dam operation contract
February 2014	Implement IMTS locking schedules at all five locks



Public Meetings

- Date, time, and location
 - March 4, 2013
6 PM - 8 PM
City Hall, Alexandria, LA
 - March 26, 2013
6 PM - 8 PM
Events Center, Natchitoches, LA
 - April 08, 2013
6 PM - 8 PM
Caddo-Bossier Ports' Regional Commerce Center, Shreveport, LA
- Requesting
 - Sharing of information
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STATEMENTS



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Public Meeting Ground Rules

- Comment cards are available at the sign in tables
- All written and verbal Comments will be addressed
- Comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting
- Comments will become part of the official record for Proposed Revised Level of Service for Lock Operations on the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Project
- If time allows, verbal comments will be accepted after all written comments are addressed - the meeting concludes at 8:00 p.m.
- Each speaker will have a maximum of 5 minutes to provide comments
- Speakers may not yield unused portions of their time to another speaker
- All comments written or oral will be considered equally important

