



Harbor Dredging Project

TOWN OF BLUE HILL, MAINE

Agenda



- ▶ Goals of this meeting
- ▶ Overview of US Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study
- ▶ Additional infrastructure options
- ▶ Specific questions for community feedback
- ▶ Town costs; financing
- ▶ Other community feedback and views on the project

Goals of this meeting



- ▶ Describe the proposed project
- ▶ Identify remaining unknowns
- ▶ Share views on how the facility might be used; level of confidence in these views
- ▶ Determine what other infrastructure will be necessary for anticipated use of the channel
- ▶ Get any other pertinent community feedback
- ▶ **ULTIMATELY:** identify what additional work is necessary to be done before a Town vote on whether to proceed

USACOE Feasibility Study Highlights



- ▶ Channel location, specifications
- ▶ Dredging process, disposal of dredged material
- ▶ Expected cost; variability
- ▶ Modeled economic benefits



Additional Infrastructure



- ▶ Access to the turning basin
 - ▶ Ground-out floats
 - ▶ Less expensive
 - ▶ Higher annual maintenance and repair cost
 - ▶ Suitable for access to all-tides dinghy tie-ups
 - ▶ Less suitable to commercial use—loading, unloading, refueling
 - ▶ Fixed pier
 - ▶ Substantially more expensive
 - ▶ Lower annual operating cost
 - ▶ Suitable for all activities
 - ▶ Other infrastructure—Parking? Water? Electricity?

Questions for the Community



- ▶ How do we expect the facility to be used?
 - ▶ Commercial
 - ▶ Recreational
- ▶ What is our level of confidence in this view?
- ▶ What other effects of use might occur?
 - ▶ Positives: Increased visitor activity in Village businesses (restaurants, shops, etc.)
 - ▶ Negatives: Effect on Village parking, traffic, noise

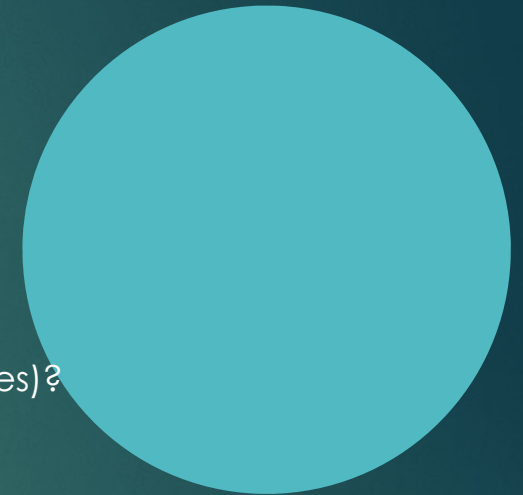
Cost to the town

- ▶ Up front
 - ▶ Dredging (20% of total)
 - ▶ Other infrastructure
- ▶ Ongoing annual
 - ▶ Maintenance and repair



Financing

- ▶ How should the project, if pursued, be financed?
 - ▶ Town borrowing
 - ▶ Debt service paid via:
 - ▶ General property taxes?
 - ▶ User fees (I.e., higher dinghy tie-up fees, loading/ unloading fees)?
 - ▶ What is a fair allocation of the financing burden?



Other comments?

