The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association

• Organized in 1999 as a membership organization to encourage the continuation and further development of waterborne commerce and recreation on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

• The Association advocates for regular dredging and adequate maintenance to promote safe, cost-effective navigation.
The US Army Corps of Engineers maintains the Waterway for 1,088 miles between Norfolk, Virginia and Miami Florida. The AIWW is authorized to 12 feet deep with widths of 90 feet through land cuts and 150 feet in open water areas, and nine feet deep in most of Florida.
Issues facing the AIWW

- Inadequate Funding
- Corps Funding Formula
- Inland Waterway Trust Fund
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Corps Funding Formula

- Current funding formula doesn’t account for all types of waterway usage.
- The value of the waterway is determined by the number of commercial ton miles.
- House WRRDA language would look at all economic impacts and annual dredging needs, and provide annual report to Congress.
Inland Waterway Trust Fund and the AIWW

Commercial users pay a fuel tax to the Inland Waterway Trust Fund (IWTF) but is never returned to the Waterway. AIWW maintenance projects ineligible for IWTF.
Regional, state and local efforts

- Participate in the Governors’ South Atlantic Alliance Working Waterfronts Technical Team
  - Focusing on highlighting critical shoaling areas from NC to FL
- Engaging state elected officials
  - SC Senator Chip Campsen and the Ashepoo-Coosaw Cutoff
- Providing forum to discuss state participation in providing maintenance funding
- Engaging ports along the waterway for economic development support.
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