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# Channel Availability

for National Dredging Meeting  
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## BACKGROUND

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- Committee on Marine Transportation System (CMTS) Cabinet Level Federal Agencies with a role in the MTS
- ASA Woodley raised the issue of HMTF funding as an Action Item for CMTS to address.
- OMB asked: HOW DO YOU KNOW FUNDS PROVIDED ARE NOT ADEQUATE?

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## Coastal Navigation Channels

Level	Tons, M	Projects	Tons, %
High	10+	59	90%
Moderate	1-10	100	9%
Base	<1	841	1%

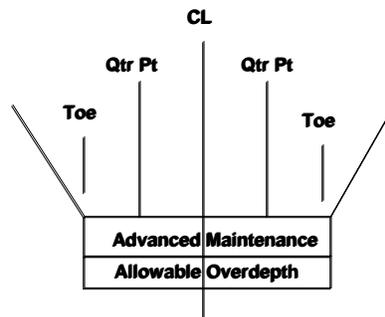
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## High Use Channel Availability

- Level of Service Standard
  - Full project depth
  - Half project width, 95% of the time



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## RESULTS

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- Channel Availability trend:
  - FY05 38%
  - FY 06 35%
  - FY 07 32%
- Answered OMB question.
- Serves as a Talking Point to help non-navigation interests understand the situation
- OMB's next evaluation requests:
  - Depth required for each channel segment
  - Redistribute between levels before getting more

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## HOW CAN I HELP?

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- Estimate the incremental annual cost to achieve the 95% performance standard
- Communicate to port and navigation customers
  - Basis for the evaluation
  - No intent to provide less than fully authorized and maintained channel
- Suggest how this can be applied to Moderate channels (less than 400' wide)

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