

PORTS

The Congressional Perspective

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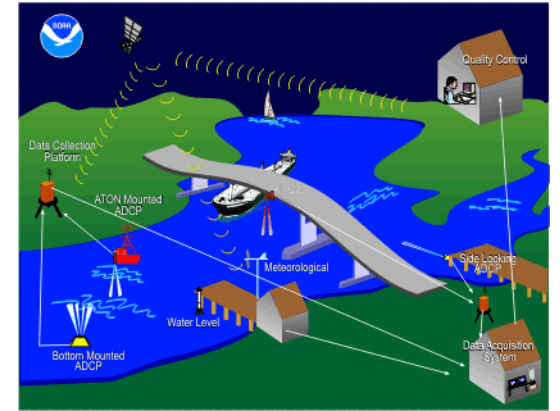
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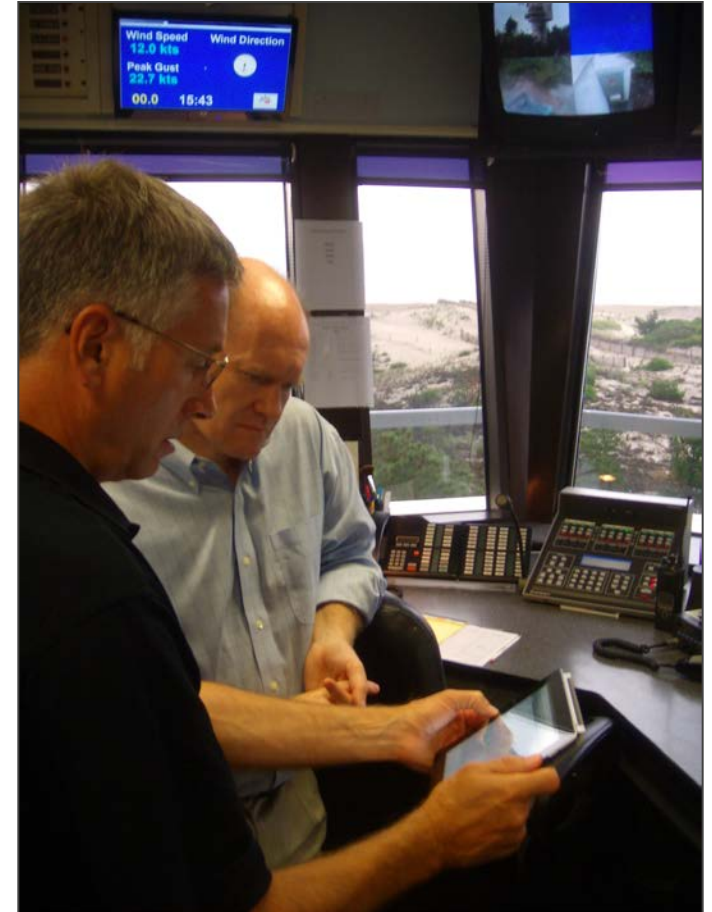
The Delaware River

- Funding for Infrastructure
- Commonsense Regulations
- Information & Technology



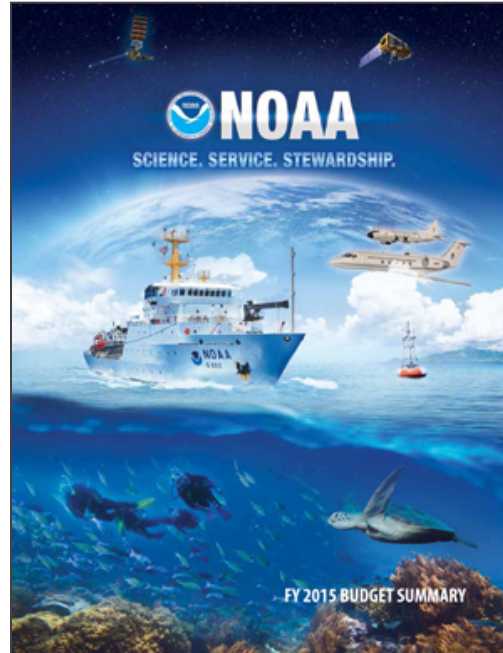
Full Funding for PORTS

- Wide Variety of Users
- Critical to Commerce, Research, Management
- The Delaware River System



The Budget Process

- Agencies
- Departments
- OMB
- Passback
- Budget Released



The Appropriations Process

- Allocations
- Subcommittee Bill Development
- Passage by Full Senate
- Conference with House



The Appropriations Process

- Role of President's Budget
- Role of Congress
- Bills vs. Reports



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Full Funding for PORTS

- FY 2014 CJS Appropriations Bill
 - Report Language



Full Funding for PORTS

“The Committee fully supports the administration’s request for Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System [PORTS]. The Committee believes these operations, which exist as a partnership between NOAA and local port authorities, have been extremely valuable tools for providing information for safe vessel navigation and data for weather and coastal monitoring. The Committee encourages NOAA to request funding that reflects the totality of the program’s costs, including operations and maintenance, in future budget requests, as authorized by Hydrographic Services Improvement Act (Public Law 110–386) in future budget submissions.”



Full Funding for PORTS

- FY 2015 CJS Appropriations Bill
 - Tried for Full Funding
 - Report Language

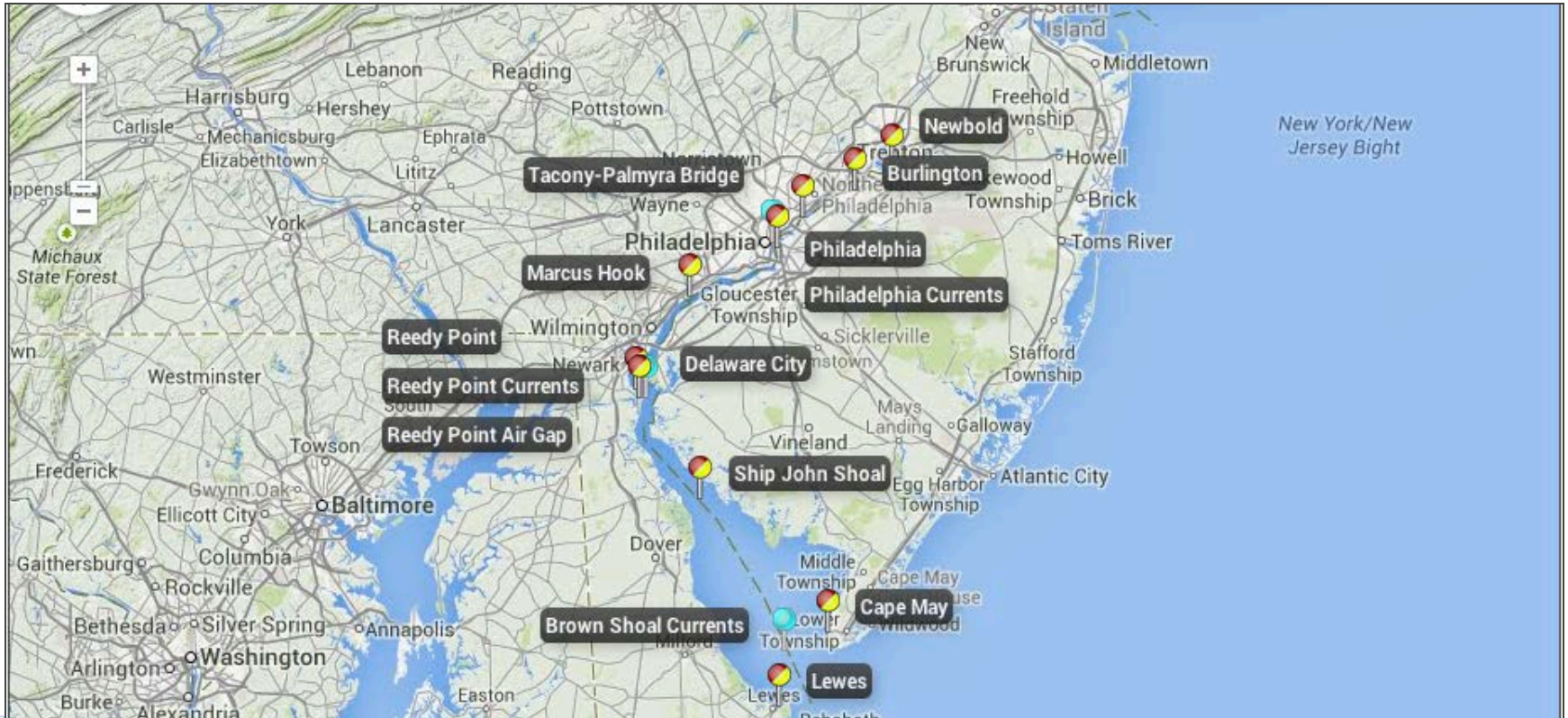


Where Are We Now?

- Subcommittee Markups
 - CJS Bill
- Floor Debate
- This Fall



Future Efforts



QUESTIONS?



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