

AWC STAKEHOLDER SURVEY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS - AUGUST 2023

INTERESTED ARKANSAS CITIZEN

"We do not need more dredging. We need more people caring for the health and vitality of our waterways. We need clean water. Arkansas is titled the natural state but nothing about this commission is focused on the care & responsibility that we are charged with for this beautiful state. We must reflect on what the greatest good is, not just for immediate earnings but for also for future generations. The question we must ask is how will this impact future generations. Are we ignoring dire ecological concerns for quarterly profits? The best thing for this commission to do would be to clean up its act for the economic viability not just of the next decade but for the centuries to come. No new dredging!"

"The Red River Navigation project needs to be funded and make river navigable to Fulton. This would greatly help the impoverished SWA corridor."

"I see in the newspaper that you're looking to dredge waterways for commercial use. I am AGAINST that and wanted to voice my concerns. How can you high be an advocate for waterway protection and actively destruct sensitive ecosystems? Rewrite the rules. Please do better."

STATE/ FEDERAL AGENCY

"I wish more Arkansans knew about AWC and the work that the agency does. If there is anything AGFC can do to work with AWC to advance our shared goals we are happy to do so."

LOCAL/ STATE/ FEDERAL ELECTED/ APPOINTED OFFICIAL/ STAFF

"Arkansas Waterways Commission is to be commended for representing the interests of all users of navigable waterways in our state. I am pleased that our state is committed to the never-ending effort."

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PUBLIC PORT/ INTERMODAL AUTHORITY

"AWC has been able to provide good information from Congress to interested parties; however, only because some private and public entities pay for a federal lobbyist to provide this information- AWC does not contribute to this cause and the finders allow AWC to access and share the information."

"Keep informing the River Port community on State and Federal issues. Good job Cassandra!"

PRIVATE PORT/ TERMINAL/ INDUSTRY

"The Director of the AWC is very clearly the glue that holds the Commission together. Without her assistance, responsiveness and expertise many of these grades would be much lower. I hope that the Director and her staff are amply compensated."

"We are lucky to have Cassandra Caldwell leading these initiatives and providing a common sense report that all can understand."

WATERWAY ORGANIZATION

"ICW the ports, let's do some waterway master planning for the Arkansas."