AWO Southern Region U.S. Coast Guard Luncheon and Houston Roundtable

July 24, 2024

11:30am-1:30pm CST (Lunch with USCG-Sector Houston-Galveston)*RSVP required

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm CST (Roundtable with AWO members *happy hour to follow)

Member Roundtable: Open Forum

- **Safety Briefing** (Mr. Jim Smith, E3 Environmental)
- Introductions and Welcome

AWO Southern Region Chair Todd Clower AWO Chair Kelly Teichman AWO President & CEO Jennifer Carpenter

• **Regional Update** (Ms. Jill Bessetti)

Discussion:

- What emerging issues are most poised to impact your operations locally?
- o Update on USCG lunch discussion. Future issues to raise to local USCG units?
- Remotely Operated and Moveable Bridge Action Plan (Ms. Jill Bessetti and Mr. Michael Breslin)
- Legislative & Regulatory Developments (Mr. Craig Montesano and Ms. Caitlyn Stewart) Discussion:
 - o Safer Seas Act of 2022 advocacy update
 - Coast Guard Authorization Act status report
 - o Coast Guard-AWO relationship check-in
 - Are there any other issues on the advocacy priorities list that you'd like to discuss?
 - Are there any emerging issues that need Congressional or Administration action?
- Safety & Sustainability (Mr. Michael Breslin)

Discussion:

- What safety, sustainability or compliance challenges impacting your operations does AWO need to understand or address?
- **Political Affairs Update** (Mr. Joe Manion)
- Open Discussion (all)

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