



2022 GLDT ANNUAL MEETING

September 14, 2022

Small Harbors and Coastal Communities Committee Update



Small Harbors Committee (Background)

- ❖ Created by action of the GLC in May 2021
- ❖ Formed in August 2021 and charged with:
 - ✓ Reviewing past GLC policies on small harbors
 - ✓ Identifying and researching needs of small harbors
 - ✓ Developing updated policy on small harbors



Background (continued)

Committee began its work in September 2021 focused on the following tasks:

- ❖ Reviewing GLC policy resolutions (enacted between 2007 and 2015) for content, accuracy and relevance
- ❖ Researching common challenges, policy needs and gaps, and emerging issues faced by small harbors and coastal communities
- ❖ Identifying trends related to climate change, resilience, and adaptive management for coastal communities
- ❖ Considering the role of the GLC to address these issues (through the states and provinces) on a regional basis



Progress to Date

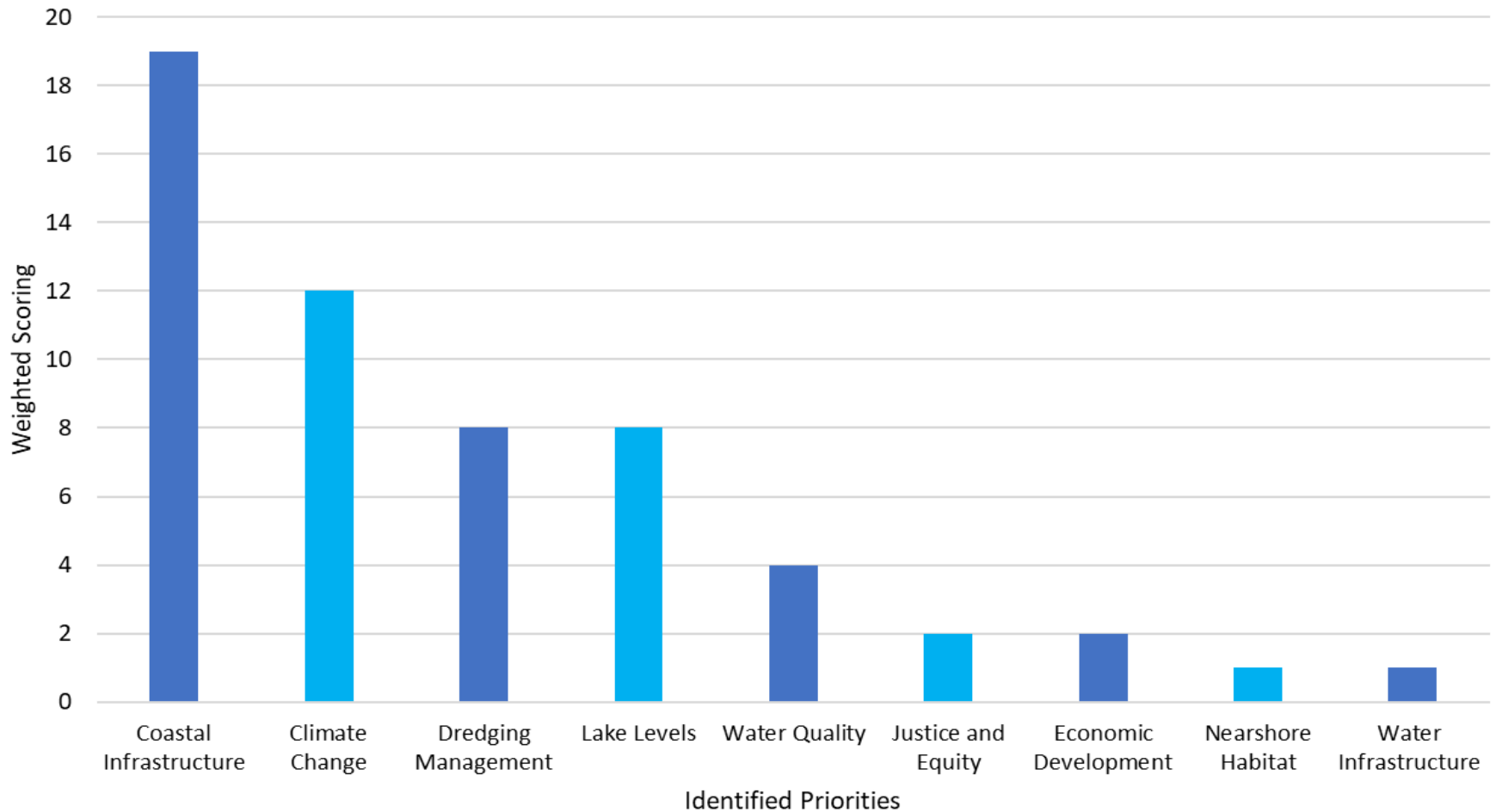
- ❖ Created a list of priorities for small harbors and coastal communities
- ❖ Administered a detailed questionnaire (request for information) to validate and expand the list of priorities
- ❖ Ranked priorities based on the list developed by the committee
- ❖ Annotated list of federal, state, and provincial programs currently in place to support small harbors and coastal communities
- ❖ Working on an Action Plan for Small Harbors and Coastal Communities to:
 - ✓ Identify gaps and needs based on the priorities previously identified
 - ✓ Identify emerging issues for small harbors and coastal communities
 - ✓ Recommend ways for the GLC to assist the jurisdictions in addressing needs for small harbors and coastal communities



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Priorities for Small Harbor-Related Issues





Draft findings related to dredging

- ❖ More education/communication on the benefits of reusing dredge material
- ❖ Facilitate more testing of dredge material
- ❖ Develop criteria for using dredged material for habitat restoration
- ❖ Develop guidance/tools for pairing material with projects
- ❖ Pursue reliable long-term funding for dredging small (non-commercial) harbors and private marinas
- ❖ Enhance planning and coordination efforts with communities and federal agencies on future dredging projects



Next Steps

- ❖ Progress report to the GLC on October 12
- ❖ Complete small harbors “action plan” (est. first quarter 2023)
- ❖ Present action plan and policy resolution to the GLC at 2023 Semiannual Mtg. (May 2023)
- ❖ Begin implementing recommendations and securing funding for future work



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Questions?

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