



## There are Plenty of Existing Regulations

- Over three-quarters (77%) of all survey respondents say that the marina/waterfront development industry **does not** need any more regulations.
- Ten percent say the industry **does need** more regulations, including mandatory training for employees and licensing for boaters.
- Two-thirds of survey respondents say **there are** unnecessary regulations, including rules covering land use, natural resources, wildlife, and existing facilities.
- Thirteen percent of survey respondents say **there are no** regulations that should be repealed.

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## Survey Report:

# Marine Regulations: Your Two Cents

## Insight to How Marina Owners and Operators View Environmental Regulations

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## This is Applied Technology & Management's summary of the "Marine Regulations: Your Two Cents" Survey results.

If you were a participant, thank you for taking the time to provide this information. If you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire and would like to contribute to Applied Technology & Management's next survey, or if you have any questions or comments about this report, please contact Devin Prater at **(352) 375-8700** or via e-mail at **dprater@appliedtm.com**.

### Survey Participants

We sent our "Marine Regulations: Your Two Cents" Survey to decision-makers and leaders in the marina/waterfront development industry. Respondents include **marina owners** and **operators**, as well as **municipal marine authorities**.

### Survey Questions

#### 1 Which issue has the toughest regulations associated with it?\*

- Dredging
- Disposal of dredged material
- Water quality
- Manatee protection
- Aquatic wildlife protection
- Submerged aquatic vegetation protection
- Submerged land protection
- Other (please specify)

#### 2 In general, what's your opinion on current environmental regulations?

- They should be tougher.
- They go overboard.
- They provide the right level of guidance for maintaining environmental protection.

#### 3 Which regulatory agency is most cooperative?\*

- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish & Wildlife Commission
- Other
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- State Dept. of Environmental Protection/Natural Resources Agency

#### 4 Which is least cooperative?\*

- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish & Wildlife Commission
- Other
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- State Dept. of Environmental Protection/Natural Resources Agency

#### 5 Are there any additional regulations we need that don't currently exist?

- Yes
- No

#### 6 Are there any we should do away with?

- Yes
- No

\*Responses for this question were not mutually exclusive.

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## Dredging is a Drag

- Over half (52%) of respondents say **dredging** has the toughest regulations associated with it, and nearly one-third (31%) say that **disposal of dredged material** is highly regulated.
- Nineteen percent say **manatee protection** is highly regulated, followed by **protection of submerged land** (15%) and **water quality** (13%).
- Thirteen percent of respondents mention **other issues** that are highly regulated, including new dock permitting and bulk-heading.

Note: Percentages total more than 100% because some interviewees provided more than one response.

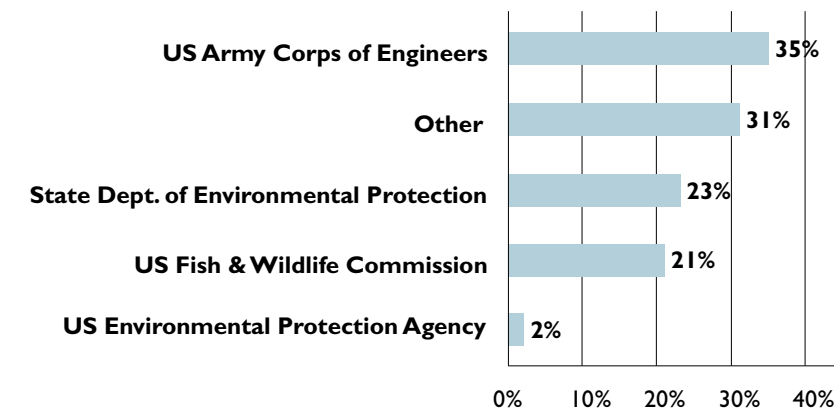
## Environmental Regulations Go Too Far for Most

- Three-quarters (75%) of respondents think current environmental regulations **go overboard**.
- Nearly one-quarter (21%) think that regulations **provide the right level of guidance** for maintaining environmental protection.
- No respondents say that regulations **should be tougher**.

Note: Percentages total more than 100% due to rounding.

## Cooperation— It's a Matter of Opinion

Cooperation from Regulatory Agencies



- The **US Environmental Protection Agency** was rated as most cooperative by only 2% respondents.

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- Over one-third (35%) of respondents say the **US Army Corps of Engineers** is the most cooperative regulatory agency.
- Nearly one-third (31%) say **other agencies**, including city and county agencies, are most cooperative.
- Respondents rate **State Departments of Environmental Protection** (23%) and the **US Fish & Wildlife Commission** (21%) nearly even.

- Over one-third (37%) say that their State Department of Environmental Protection is the least cooperative agency.
- Over a quarter (27%) say the US Army Corps of Engineers is least cooperative, while another quarter say it's the US Environmental Protection Agency.
- Seventeen percent of respondents mention other agencies that are uncooperative, including local departments of environmental resource management.

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