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| **LEGISLATIVE VICTORY!** ***Governor Snyder signs Dredging Assistance Bills*** https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs110/1102585824640/img/455.jpgFor the last few months, MBIA and our lobbying firm in Lansing, Muchmore Harrington Smalley and Assoc., have been hard at work to establish solutions and funding for the dredging crisis in Michigan for our members and the industry at large.  We're proud to say that our hard work has paid off with the resounding support of the Michigan Legislature and Governor Snyder. A dredging assistance package has been signed by the Governor today!   The package contained 5 bills.HB 4398 (Price) Watercraft; marinas; dredging material from Great Lakes bottomlands determined to be largely sand; revise permit fee.HB 4399 (Pscholka) Natural resources; Great Lakes; expedited permit process; allow for emergencies.HB 4400 (Pettalia) Watercraft; marinas; dredging material from inland lakes and streams determined to be largely sand; revise fee.SB 233 (Booher) Natural resources; funding; natural resources trust fund; provide appropriations.SB 252 (Brandenburg) Watercraft; marinas; marina dredging loan origination program. MBIA Chairman Jim Coburn, Executive Director Nicki Polan and MBIA member Jim Mrozinski of Onekema Marine all attended the signing by the Governor and thanked him for supporting the boating industry.https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs110/1102585824640/img/454.jpg**Public Act 9 provides funding for dredging Michigan's public harbors and Public Act 10 provides for the low interest loan program.**  **MBIA will quickly reach out to the Banker's Association to find participating lenders in the dredging program and will release this information to our members immediately.** MBIA thanks Governor Snyder, the Legislators and MDNR & MDEQ for this great show of support which will benefit millions of boaters, entire communities and businesses all over the state.  We commend these leaders for recognizing the importance of boating and the boating industry to Michigan's heritage and future. Thank you to all of our members who have lobbied with us and called their Representatives and Senators showing your support. Please also thank your Senators and Representatives for supporting our industry. We appreciate your membership and we share this victory with you! [Sincerely, your MBIA Staff working on your behalf.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001sTIj0D-DKJTWz_ozT7mmCD5X9IbW_k8eIfpccx-asUi_y3hqF5IylxnwErhEeqNLiQHVU7ga9PfW0SpdUlzqMmhySO2m-4pZNdLcI_6gcDW2l-1BnqgDlHIg05R5SpflFqwAX7iUqR8=) |

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