Technology for environmental protection

Channel Deepening Project Lyttelton Port, NZ











Outline

- Brief background on Lyttelton Port and the Channel Deepening Project
- Key challenges and the technology-based solutions
 - Real-time water quality monitoring
 - Turbidity trigger system
 - Real-time data processing and web-based interface
- DUKC and reduction in dredge volumes









Lyttelton Port

- Bank Peninsula, South Island, NZ
- Connected to Christchurch via road and rail (12km to CBD)
- Volcanic harbor, infilled with soft silts
- Water depths 5-11m
- 2010/2011 earthquakes caused significant damage, rebuild required
- Harbour culturally important to Iwi











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Channel Deepening Project

- Post-quake recovery designed for deep draught capable ships
- Pre-dredge declared depth 11.9m CD draught 10.5m all tides, 12.4m across high
- Full Channel Deepening Project 14.5m all tides, 1st stage – 12.5m all tides.
- Total volume 18 million m³, this stage 6 million m³
- Deepen (~2m), widen by 20m, lengthen by 2.5km and increase size of swing basin











• Time constraints

Key Challenges

- High ecological values within harbor and offshore
- Protection of deep cultural values
- Keen stakeholder interest
- Easily re-suspended and mobile sediments
- Financial viability

















Solutions

- Invest in robust real-time water quality monitoring
- Involve stakeholders in design and implementation of environmental management systems
- Robust adaptive management and turbidity trigger system
- Web-based data management, processing and display
- No secrets data available real-time and all reporting
- Reduce dredging volumes (Giles to discuss)















Turbidity management

- Chose to integrate management of dredging operations and turbidity plumes in real-time, all the time
- Utilise technology to integrate elements and provide interface
 - Complex real-time water quality data
 - Real-time meteorological, wave and current data
 - Dredge location
 - Complex turbidity trigger arrangement
- Fully transparent, key data available to all.











Turbidity trigger system

- Critical to address stakeholder concerns
- Background + modelled dredge-plume based trigger
- Designed to preserve level and character of existing background conditions
- Three tiers, each with a NTU level and hours per 30 days allowed above that level











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- Full interrogation over entire time series
- Key tool in managing dredge
- On-display permanently on bridge of *Fairway*
- Concurrent met, wave and current data











Public website

 Simplified data available to anyone, real-time 24/7











Outcomes

- No dredge caused exceedance of Tier 3 No delays to project
- System enabled dredge to tune operations to materials and conditions, resulting in efficient dredging
- No public complaints or adverse media
- Met environmental and cultural expectations
- No variations to contract































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Stage 1 design requirements

- Minimal delays for 12.5m vessels.
- Sailing window "every tide" for 13.0m 13.3m vessels.
- 14.5m vessels not a design criterion.







































Annual (non)sailing window statistics for Axel Maersk @ 13.0m

























Grounding risk under suggested static UKC rule











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Waves responsible for grounding under static rule









Outcome

- LPC selected optimised channel design and operational DUKC system.
- Saving in capital dredging estimated at 4.2M m³ (approx. 40%) or approximately \$40M compared with the initial channel design.
- Saving in capital dredging of 0.8M m³ (approx. 13%) or approx. \$8M relative to OMC static channel design.
- Additional operational DUKC benefits:
 - Maximise port accessibility (benefit from over dredge)
 - Management of sedimentation
 - Risk management









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