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**WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC. PRAISES OUTGOING MARAD
ADMINISTRATOR CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. SCHUBERT FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO INLAND
WATERWAYS INDUSTRY**

WASHINGTON, DC – Waterways Council, Inc. (WCI), the national public policy organization that advocates for a modern and well-maintained system of ports and inland waterways, today praised the three-and-a-half year tenure of U.S. Maritime Administrator (MarAd) Captain William G. Schubert, who announced his resignation, effective February 12. Throughout his service to MarAd, Captain Schubert met regularly with WCI in Washington, DC, and devoted untold time and attention to the issues facing the inland waterways industry. Among his accomplishments, Captain Schubert developed a central web site repository within MarAd to catalogue all relevant inland waterways industry studies and data; commissioned a study on the national defense importance of the inland waterways industry to the Nation; coordinated the Department of Transportation’s response to the McAlpine lock closure this past summer; worked closely with the Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. D.A. to promote the importance of inland waterways infrastructure to the United States; designed a study to assess the challenges, conditions, performance and needs of the inland waterways system in response to a \$1 million appropriation by Congress in 2004, and more.

“Captain Schubert was a great ally to and advocate for the inland waterways industry throughout his years of service to MarAD. His work elevated the visibility and the importance of the inland waterways industry within the Department of Transportation and the entire federal government. For that, we are deeply grateful,” said Barry Palmer, President/CEO of Waterways Council, Inc.

“Waterways Council, Inc. looks forward to working closely on the issues critical to the inland waterways industry with MarAd Acting Administrator John Jamian, and to building on the momentum begun by Captain Schubert,” Palmer continued.

Waterways Council, Inc. is supported by more than 250 waterways carriers, shippers, port authorities, shipping associations and waterways advocacy groups from all regions of the country.

