



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Report on Pollution Control Boat Naming

Dear Sir:

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is adding two trash collection boats to its fleet in honor of its 125th Anniversary, and earlier this year, the public and staff were asked to help name them.

More than 100 responses were received (copy attached), and two names in particular stood out: "Skim Pickens" and "Skimmy Dipper."

Both of these names represent the work that the two boats will perform along the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS). The boats will operate from mid-April to mid-October and after significant storms year round, unless weather conditions prohibit safe operations.

Currently, the MWRD operates two 28-foot pontoons to collect floatables that wind up in the CAWS during rainstorms. Workers remove debris along the South Branch to the North Branch of the Chicago River to maintain the integrity of the waterways.

The boats will be christened and put into service later in the year.

Respectfully Submitted, Allison Fore, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, AF

Attachment