

**ASBPA Summit Award
Corps of Engineers' Award**

Nominee: Jarod Norton, USACE Portland

Jarod Norton, USACE Portland District, NWP, has been an exemplary advocate working collaboratively with the NWP, stakeholder, and resource agency teams to implement beneficial use of dredged material and Regional Sediment Management (RSM) practices in an effort to achieve healthy coastal systems in the state of Oregon. Jarod has provided oversight to the Federal and non-Federal team to develop and implement an RSM strategy which identifies opportunities to beneficially use dredged material to reduce coastal shoreline erosion, enhance ecosystems and promote living shorelines, and stabilize coastal structures and infrastructure in coastal Oregon. By coordinating stakeholder and resource agency involvement to identify and implement opportunities, successful efforts include permitting of two new nearshore placement sites to allow the sediments dredged from the Lower Columbia River to be placed within the system. Historically these sediments are placed in the Ocean Disposal site which permanently removes the sediments from the system. By placing the sediments in the nearshore regions, the sediments enhance the environment for benthic and crab communities, sediments are naturally transported to the shoreline to reduce shoreline erosion, and sediments are placed near the Lower Columbia River jetties to assist in maintaining these vital coastal navigation structures. These placement strategies were developed through sound science and engineering, which provided the necessary data and information to gain the trust and approval of the entities interested in maintaining healthy coastal systems in Oregon. A key component of the strategy is the successful implementation through to construction. These beneficial use and RSM successes were only accomplished through the collaborative team efforts of the Portland District, State of Oregon, stakeholders, and resource agencies working together to accomplish the goal of improving the use of sediments in the Lower Columbia River region.

Jarod Norton and the Portland District, stakeholder, and resource agency team epitomize the term public servants and are exceptional assets to the nation's beaches, waterways, and coastal infrastructure.