

FACT SHEET
Ponce de Leon Inlet, FL (O&M)
 Congressional District: 6

1. DESCRIPTION

The Ponce de Leon Inlet O&M project consists of an entrance channel which is 15 feet deep and 200 feet wide across the ocean bar; 12 feet deep by 200 feet wide and 12 deep by 100 feet wide to Indian River North; 12 deep by 100 feet wide southward to the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW); 7 feet deep by 100 feet wide in the Halifax River northward to the IWW; and ocean jetties 4,200 feet long and 2,700 feet long on the north and south sides of the inlet, respectively. The unstable nature of the navigation channel in Ponce de Leon Inlet is a continuing safety problem as recorded by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has documented vessel groundings, capsized vessels, and over 20 lives lost in the vicinity of the inlet. The entrance and interior channels require the Coast Guard to frequently monitor and relocate aids to navigation due to the need to identify safe water.

2. FUNDING

Allocation for FY15	\$2,000,000
President's Budget FY16	\$0

3. SPONSOR

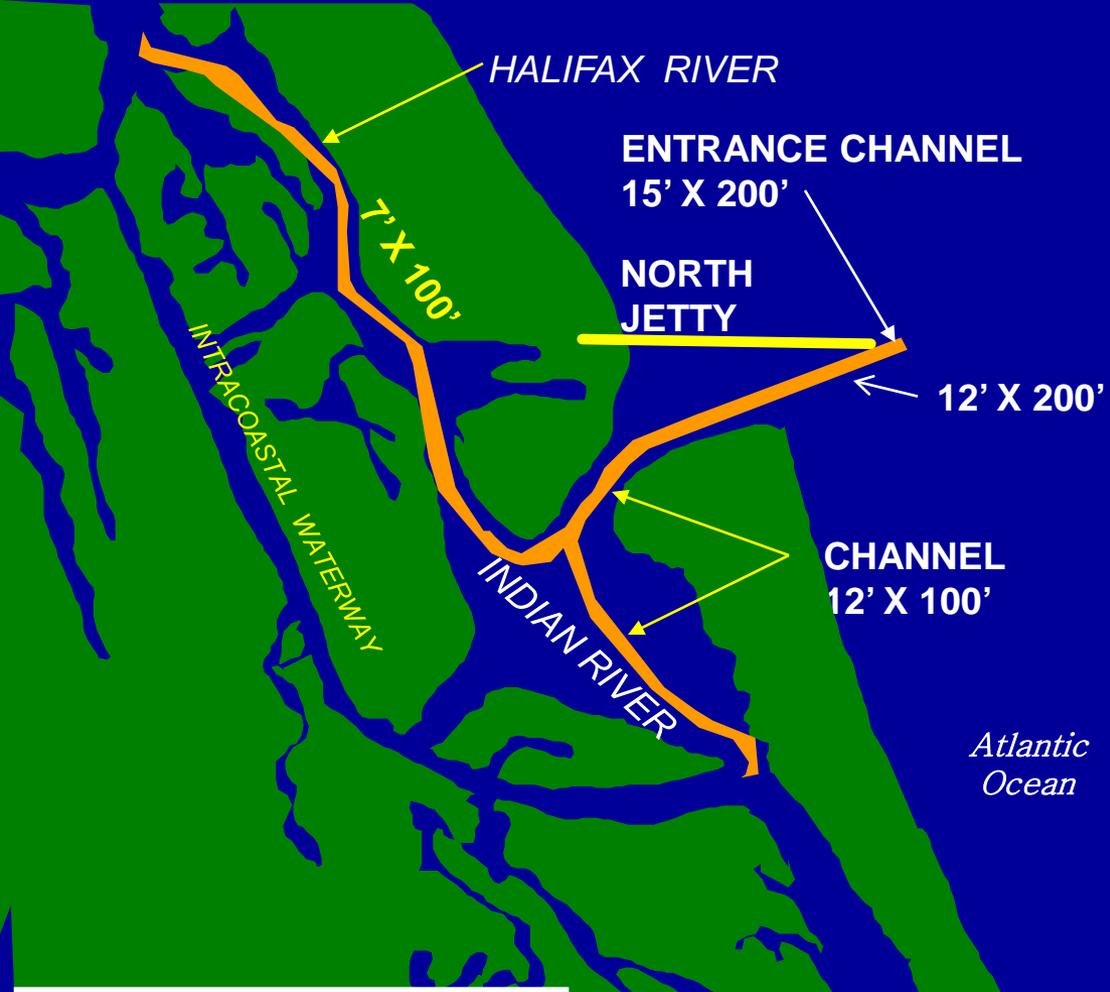
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4. STATUS

Approximately 131k cy of dredge material was removed in 2013 from Ponce de Leon Inlet and placed at the permitted nearshore disposal area which is located approximately 1 mile south of the Inlet.. This dredging was performed to remove shoaling which was creating very treacherous conditions. Dredging was performed with a USACE owned dredge, the Currituck, which is located within the Wilmington District of the Corps of Engineers. Supplemental funding, due to damages incurred to the Inlet with the passing of Hurricane Sandy, funded this dredging in 2013.

In 2015 the Inlet will receive an additional \$2 million in Federal funds to address the continual development of dangerous shoals in the Inlet which make passage through the Inlet very unsafe. It is anticipated that dredging will utilize one of the Wilmington District dredges. Material dredged from the Inlet will be placed in the nearshore area; however, as of the date of this factsheet, it has not been determined if the nearshore area north of the Inlet will be utilized or if the one south of the Inlet will be utilized.

Like other smaller inlets, Ponce de Leon Inlet has the designation of a low use waterway. This designation makes it hard for the Inlet to complete successfully for federal funding.



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