

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 feet deep by 100 feet wide to Indian River North; 12 feet 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**

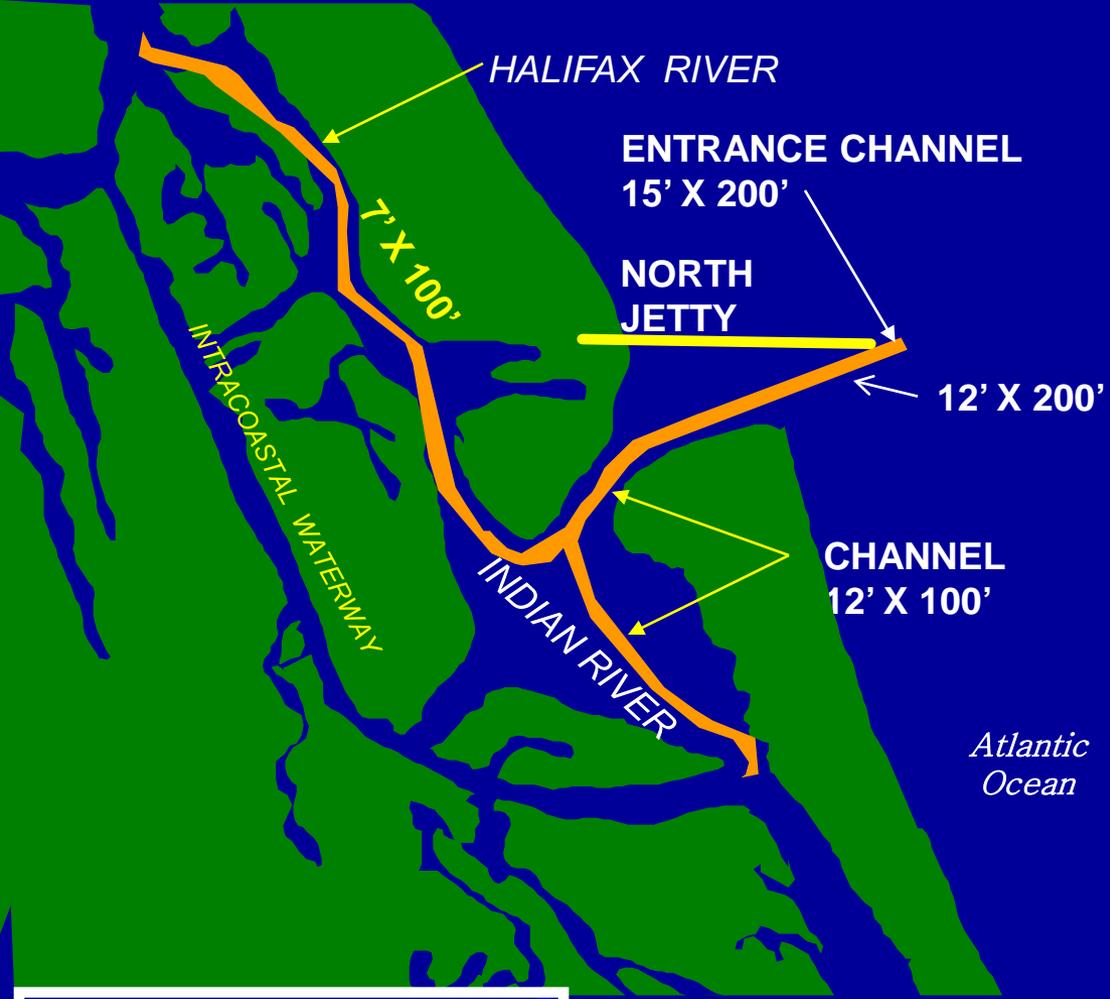
Allocation for FY14	\$1,000,000
President's Budget FY15	0

**3. SPONSOR**

Ponce de Leon Port Authority  
 700 Catalina Drive, Suite 126  
 Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

**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, located approximately 1 mile south of the Inlet. This dredging was an emergency situation and was performed with the USACE owned dredge The Currituck and paid for with Supplemental funding due to damages incurred to the inlet with the passing of Hurricane Sandy. 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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