



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 4970
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Planning and Policy Division
Environmental Branch

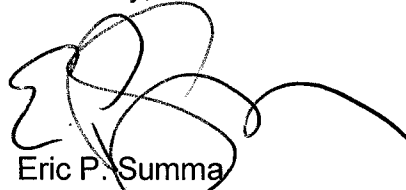
TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE ENCLOSED LIST

This letter is in reference to the Improvements for Shore Protection Project, Highway 187 at Piñones, Puerto Rico, as authorized by Section 103 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1962. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, is enclosing for your records a copy of the Final Compensatory Mitigation Plan to compensate for wetland impacts associated with this project.

Copies of the Draft Compensatory Mitigation Plan (July 2013) were circulated to Federal and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico resource agencies, as well as stakeholders, with a cover letter dated July 22, 2013. The following agencies responded to the circulation of the Draft Compensatory Mitigation Plan: the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), via e-mail dated August 1, 2013; the Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, by letter dated August 15, 2013; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS), by letter dated September 9, 2013; and NMFS Habitat Conservation Division, via e-mail dated September 13, 2013. All agencies concurred with the mitigation plan implementation and comments received were considered and incorporated, as necessary, in the Final Compensatory Mitigation Plan. In addition, consultation with FWS and NMFS under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act was completed on September 9, 2013 and September 18, 2013, respectively.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Iván Acosta, Chief, Special Projects Section at 904-232-1639, or by e-mail at Ivan.Acosta@usace.army.mil or Mr. Wilberto Cubero at 904-232-2050, or by e-mail at Wilberto.Cubero-deltoro@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

- 1) List of Recipients
- 2) Final Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Plan – September 2013

**Final Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Plan
Improvements for Shore Protection at Highway 187 in Piñones, Loíza, Puerto Rico
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La Península de los Pescadores Piñones
To be hand delivered

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