


FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
SHORE PROTECTION AND BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT FOR  
OCEAN BEACH, DELRAY BEACH, AND BOCA RATON  
SOUTHERN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. This Finding incorporates by reference all discussions and conclusions contained in the EA enclosed hereto. Based on information analyzed in the EA, reflecting pertinent information obtained from agencies having jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise, I conclude that the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Reasons for this conclusion are, in summary:

- a. The proposed action will be conducted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act, and specifically in compliance with the Statewide Programmatic Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The work will not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or impact any designated critical habitat.
- b. This project has been coordinated with the State of Florida, and all applicable water quality standards will be met.
- c. The proposed work is being coordinated through the State of Florida and is expected to be consistent with the Florida Coastal Zone Management Program upon receipt of the DEP Permit.
- d. The proposed work has been coordinated with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer and federally recognized tribes. It has been determined that the proposed dredging will not adversely affect any properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- e. There are no known sources of hazardous, toxic, or radioactive wastes in the project area. Sediments and materials for the areas to be excavated during construction have been evaluated to be sandy material, with no indication of contaminants.
- f. Public benefits will be provided with a renourished beach.
- g. Measures will be in place during construction to eliminate, reduce, or avoid adverse impacts below the threshold of significance to fish and wildlife resources.

In view of the above, I conclude that the proposed action for the Ocean Ridge, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton segments for shore protection will not result in a significant adverse effect on the human environment. This Finding incorporates by reference all discussions and conclusions contained in the EA herewith and do not require an EIS.

  
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