

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
PALM BEACH HARBOR  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES  
PALM BEACH HARBOR-LAKE WORTH INLET  
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 Regional Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service and Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The work will not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely modify 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 has been determined by the State of Florida to be consistent with the Florida Coastal Zone Management Program.
- d. The proposed work has been coordinated with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer and appropriate federally recognized tribes. The Corps has determined no historic properties affected by the proposed dredging and advanced maintenance actions.
- 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 unobstructed channel navigation.
- 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 and after consideration of public and agency comments received on the project, I conclude that the proposed action for the Palm Beach Harbor operations and maintenance activities advanced maintenance features 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 does not require an EIS.

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