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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

OCT 17 2000

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed renourishment at Miami Beach in the vicinity of 63rd Street, Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project. A copy of the preliminary FONSI is enclosed.

The purpose of the project is to prevent or reduce loss of public beachfront to continuing erosional forces and to prevent or reduce periodic damages and potential risk to life, health and property in the developed lands adjacent to the beach. Approximately 200,000 cubic yards of beach quality sand is proposed to be placed along 2,800 feet segment of shoreline at Miami Beach, Florida.

Any comments you may have must be submitted in writing to the letterhead address within 30 days of the date of this letter. Questions concerning the project or requests for copies of the draft EA should be directed to Mr. Mike Dupes at 904-232-1689 or fax 904-232-3976. Copies of the draft EA will be available for public review at the reference desk of the Miami Beach Branch Public Library, 2100 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. The library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The point of contact at the library is Ms. Reaette King-Kee at 305-535-4219. The draft EA can also be reviewed on the Internet at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/pd/env-doc.htm>.

Sincerely,


James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure



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Any comments should be directed within 30 days to the letterhead address, attention: Planning Division, Environmental Branch.

Sincerely,

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July 20, 2000

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RE: U.S. Department of the Army - District Corps of Engineers - Public Notice -
Renourishment at Miami Beach (Vicinity of 63rd Street) Dade County Beach
Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project - Miami Beach, Miami-Dade
County, Florida
SAI: FL200006050402C

Dear Mr. Duck:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the above-referenced project.

Based on the information contained in the public notice and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that, at this stage, the above-referenced project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) notes that, under the operating agreement between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the SFWMD, this project will be reviewed by DEP. A final determination will be made during the state's permit review. All comments received to date from our reviewing agencies, and the South Florida Regional Planning Council, are enclosed for your review. Comments subsequently received by the State Clearinghouse will be forwarded for your review.

In addition, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) has identified the policies and goals of its Strategic Regional Policy Plan which may apply to the proposed activity. The comments provided by the SFRPC are enclosed for your review and consideration.

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Mr. James C. Duck
July 20, 2000
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Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Cherie Trainor, Clearinghouse Coordinator, at (850) 414-5495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Cantral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ralph Cantral, Executive Director
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RC/cc

Enclosures

cc: Jim Golden, South Florida Water Management District
Eric Silva, South Florida Regional Planning Council

Message:

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<p>X Agriculture Community Affairs Environmental Protection Fish & Wildlife Conserv. Comm State Transportation</p>	<p>South Florida WMD</p>	<p>Environmental Policy/C & ED</p>

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- X Direct Federal Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart C). Federal Agencies are required to furnish a consistency determination for the State's concurrence or objection.
- Outer Continental Shelf Exploration, Development or Production Activities (15 CFR 930, Subpart E). Operators are required to provide a consistency certification for state concurrence/objection.
- Federal Licensing or Permitting Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart D). Such projects will only be evaluated for consistency when there is not an analogous state license or permit.

Project Description:

U.S. Department of the Army - District Corps of Engineers - Public Notice - Renourishment at Miami Beach (Vicinity of 63rd Street) Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project - Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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Federal Consistency

- No Comment
- Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

- No Comment/Consistent
- Consistent/Comments Attached
- Inconsistent/Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

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DATE: 06/05/2000
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Federal Consistency

- No Comment
- Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

- No Comment/Consistent
- Consistent/Comments Attached
- Inconsistent/Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

As a PN, we didn't review this, but sent it to Beaches and Coastal Systems and Recreation and Parks as an FYI.

From:

Division/Bureau: IT, OLGA, OLSOC
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Date: 21 June 2000

COUNTY: Miami-Dade

DATE: 06/05/2000
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Division/Bureau: HISTORICAL RESOURCES
Reviewer: [Signature]
Date: 7-1-00

COUNTY: Miami-Dade

DATE: 06/05/2000
COMMENTS DUE DATE: 07/05/2000
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Reviewer: Jo Laurie Ponce
Date: June 12, 2000

COUNTY: Miami-Dade

DATE: 06/05/2000
COMMENTS DUE DATE: 07/05/2000
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UNDER THE OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEP AND THE SFWMD, THIS PROJECT WILL BE REVIEWED BY DEP.

From:

Division/Bureau: ERR
Reviewer: JEM GOLDEN
Date: 6/8/00

COUNTY: Miami-Dade

DATE: 06/05/2000

COMMENTS DUE DATE: 07/05/2000

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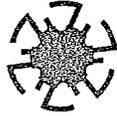
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June 29, 2000

Ms. Cherie Trainor
Florida State Clearinghouse
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

RE: SFRPC #00-0615, SAI #FL200006050402C - Response to a request for comments on the public notice for the Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, Department of the Army, Miami-Dade County.

Dear Ms. Trainor:

We have reviewed the above-referenced project and have the following comments:

- The project methodology and design, as proposed, is generally consistent with the goals and policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida* (SRPP). Council staff supports the implementation of beach renourishment projects for the purposes of providing storm protection for upland property, restoring dunes and maintaining eroding beaches.
- Beaches and dune systems are identified as natural resources of regional significance in the SRPP. Staff supports the use of buffer zones to protect these important resources. Sand movement and downdrift erosion should be monitored on a region wide basis to ensure the livelihood of wildlife habitats and the stability of the project area. All actions should be consistent with the goals and policies of the Miami-Dade County comprehensive plan.
- Staff recommends that, if the proposed actions are implemented, 1) impacts to the natural systems be minimized to the greatest extent feasible and 2) the permit grantor determine the extent of sensitive marine life and vegetative communities in the vicinity of each project and require protection and or mitigation of disturbed habitat. These guidelines will assist in reducing the cumulative impacts to native plants and animals, wetlands and deep-water habitat and fisheries that the goals and policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida* seek to protect.
- The goals and policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*, in particular those indicated below, should be observed when making decisions regarding this project.

Strategic Regional Goal

- 3.1 Eliminate the inappropriate uses of land by improving the land use designations and utilize land acquisition where necessary so that the quality and connectedness of Natural Resources of Regional Significance and suitable high quality natural areas is improved.

Regional Policies

- 3.1.1 Natural Resources of Regional Significance and other suitable natural resources shall be preserved and protected. Mitigation for unavoidable impacts will be provided either on-site or in identified regional habitat mitigation areas with the goal of providing the highest level of resource value and function for the regional system. Endangered faunal species habitat and populations documented on-site shall be preserved on-site. Threatened faunal species and populations and species of special concern documented on-site, as well as critically imperiled, imperiled and rare plants shall be preserved on-site unless it is demonstrated that off-site mitigation will not adversely impact the viability or number of individuals of the species.
- 3.1.9 Degradation or destruction of Natural Resources of Regional Significance, including listed species and their habitats will occur as a result of a proposed project only if:
- a) the activity is necessary to prevent or eliminate a public hazard, and
 - b) the activity is in the public interest and no other alternative exists, and
 - c) the activity does not destroy significant natural habitat, or identified natural resource values, and
 - d) the activity does not destroy habitat for threatened or endangered species, and
 - e) the activity does not negatively impact listed species that have been documented to use or rely upon the site.
- 3.1.10 Proposed projects shall include buffer zones between development and existing Natural Resources of Regional Significance and other suitable natural resources. The buffer zones shall provide natural habitat values and functions that compliment Natural Resources of Regional Significance values so that the natural system values of the site are not negatively impacted by adjacent uses. The buffer zones shall be a minimum of 25 feet in width. Alternative widths may be proposed if it is demonstrated that the alternative furthers the viability of the Natural Resource of Regional Significance, effectively separating the development impacts from the natural resource or contributing to reduced fragmentation of identified Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

Strategic Regional Goal

- 3.4 Improve the protection of upland habitat areas and maximize the interrelationships between the wetland and upland components of the natural system.

Regional Policies

- 3.4.4 Require the use of ecological studies and site and species specific surveys in projects that may impact natural habitat areas to ensure that rare and state and federally listed plants and wildlife are identified with respect to temporal and spatial distribution.
- 3.4.5 Identify and protect the habitats of rare and state and federally listed species. For those rare and threatened species that have been scientifically demonstrated by past or site specific studies to be relocated successfully, without resulting in harm to the relocated or receiving populations, and where *in-situ* preservation is neither possible nor desirable from an ecological perspective, identify suitable receptor sites, guaranteed to be preserved and managed in perpetuity for the protection of the relocated species that will

be utilized for the relocation of such rare or listed plants and animals made necessary by unavoidable project impacts. Consistent use of the site by endangered species, or documented endangered species habitat on-site shall be preserved on-site.

- 3.4.8 Remove invasive exotics from all Natural Resources of Regional Significance and associated buffer areas. Require the continued regular and periodic maintenance of areas that have had invasive exotics removed.
- 3.4.9 Required maintenance shall insure that re-establishment of the invasive exotic does not occur.

Strategic Regional Goal

- 3.8 Enhance and preserve natural system values of South Florida's shorelines, estuaries, benthic communities, fisheries, and associated habitats, including but not limited to, Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay and the coral reef tract.

Regional Policies

- 3.8.1 Enhance and preserve natural shoreline characteristics through requirements resulting from the review of proposed projects and in the implementation of ICE, including but not limited to, mangroves, beaches and dunes through prohibition of structural shoreline stabilization methods except to protect existing navigation channels, maintain reasonable riparian access, or allow an activity in the public interest as determined by applicable state and federal permitting criteria.
- 3.8.2 Enhance and preserve benthic communities, including but not limited to seagrass and shellfish beds, and coral habitats, by allowing only that dredge and fill activity, artificial shading of habitat areas, or destruction from boats that is the least amount practicable, and by encouraging permanent mooring facilities. Dredge and fill activities may occur on submerged lands in the Florida Keys only as permitted by the Monroe County Land Development Regulations. It must be demonstrated pursuant to the review of the proposed project features that the activities included in the proposed project do not cause permanent, adverse natural system impacts.
- 3.8.3 As a result of proposed project reviews, include conditions that result in a project that enhances and preserves marine and estuarine water quality by:
 - a) improving the timing and quality of freshwater inflows;
 - b) reducing turbidity, nutrient loading and bacterial loading from wastewater facilities and vessels;
 - c) reducing the number of improperly maintained stormwater systems; and
 - d) requiring port facilities and marinas to implement hazardous materials spill plans.
- 3.8.4 Enhance and preserve commercial and sports fisheries through monitoring, research, best management practices for fish harvesting and protection of nursery habitat and include the resulting information in educational programs throughout the region. Identified nursery habitat shall be protected through the inclusion of suitable habitat protective features including, but not limited to:

- a) avoidance of project impacts within habitat area;
- b) replacement of habitat area impacted by proposed project; or
- c) improvement of remaining habitat area within remainder of proposed project area.

3.8.5 Enhance and preserve habitat for endangered and threatened marine species by the preservation of identified endangered species habitat and populations. For threatened species or species of critical concern, on-site preservation will be required unless it is demonstrated that off-site mitigation will not adversely impact the viability or number of individuals of the species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We would appreciate being kept informed on the progress of this project. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Eric Silva
Senior Planner

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cc: Guillermo E. Olmedillo, Miami-Dade County
Jean Evoy, Miami-Dade County DERM
James C. Duck, USACE



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Mr. James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division
Department of the Army
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019

Dear Mr. Duck:

This is in response to your letter dated June 5, 2000 concerning the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, and the proposed renourishment at Miami Beach in the vicinity of 63rd street. We concur with your determination that the proposed activity will not likely adversely affect endangered and threatened species, or their critical habitat, under the purview of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

This concludes your consultation responsibilities under section 7 of the ESA for the proposed activity. Consultation should be reinitiated if new information reveals impacts of the identified activity that may affect listed species or their critical habitat, a new species is listed, the identified activity is subsequently modified or critical habitat determined that may be affected by the identified activity.

If you have any questions, please Eric Hawk, Fishery Biologist, at the telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Crowe

for William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

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July 6, 2000

Mr. James C. Duck
Planning Division, Environmental Branch
Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

RE: DHR Project File No. 2000-05269
Public Notice
Renourishment at Miami Beach (Vicinity of 63rd Street)
Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project
Dade County, Florida

Dear Mr. Duck:

We look forward to reviewing the Environmental Assessment for the renourishment project at Miami Beach Florida and coordinating with your office in the protection and preservation of significant cultural resources. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Francis P. Gaske, Deputy SHPO

Janet Snyder Matthews, Ph.D., Director
Division of Historical Resources
State Historic Preservation Officer

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southeast Regional Office
9721 Executive Center Drive North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

June 28, 2000

Mr. James C. Duck,
Chief, Planning Division
Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
Environmental Branch
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

Dear Mr. Duck:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the public notice dated June 1, 2000, requesting comments regarding the proposed renourishment of Miami Beach in the vicinity of 63rd Street, Dade County, Florida. The proposed project consists of renourishing about 2,800 feet of shoreline using 200,000 cubic yards of sand.

Information provided in the public notice provides a general discussion of the proposed project and alternatives. Your letter indicates that the proposed sand source is a borrow site located south of Government Cut, in 30-40 feet of water, and that the sand will be transported to the beach by a pipeline located north of the fill area. However, information regarding the characterization of, or the anticipated impacts to, the biological resources within the project vicinity were not provided. It is our understanding that detailed information regarding the project and biological resources within the vicinity will be provided in a forthcoming Environmental Assessment (EA).

The NMFS recommends the following issues be addressed in the EA:

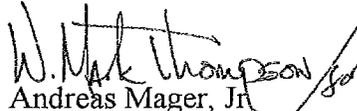
1. Pursuant to the 1996 amendment to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, an Essential Fish Habitat Assessment should be prepared, in conjunction with any National Environmental Policy Act documents necessary for the project.
2. A complete description of the anticipated direct and indirect impacts to aquatic resources, including seagrasses, soft and hard corals, sponges, and macroalgae communities, should be provided. This should include areas within, and adjacent to, the proposed dredging (borrow area), the pipeline corridor, rock disposal area, and the beach fill placement.
3. To protect hard bottom reefs, providing a minimum of 500-foot buffer zone around the borrow area and avoiding acute angles and "dog-leg" features around the borrow site boundary should be addressed.



4. A plan to avoid and/or minimize damage by mechanical operations, siltation, turbidity and burial of all hard bottom areas and live corals habitats should be developed and included.
5. Sediment characterization of borrow site material, including sediment grain size and silt content, should be provided.
6. A plan to fully compensate for unavoidable adverse impacts to hard bottom, coral and other sensitive nearshore habitats should be designed.
7. An analysis of the project justification and needs should be provided.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If we can be of further assistance, please advise. Related comments, questions or correspondence should be directed to Mr. Michael R. Johnson in Miami, Florida, at 305-595-8352.

Sincerely,


W. Mark Thompson, Jr.
Assistant Regional Administrator
Habitat Conservation Division

cc:
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JUN 05 2000

Mr. Charles Oravetz
Chief, Protected Species Management Branch
National Marine Fisheries Service
9721 Executive Center Drive, North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

Dear Mr. Oravetz:

This is in reference to the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project and the proposed renourishment at Miami Beach in the Vicinity of 63rd Street. For a description of the proposed action, please refer to the enclosed public notice dated June 1, 2000. Also reference the Regional Biological Opinion (RBO) on hopper dredging along the Southeast Atlantic Coast as amended on September 25, 1997.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that the proposed renourishment activities are covered by the referenced RBO and no further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is required at this time. Your concurrence on this determination is requested.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Mr. Mike Dupes at 904-232-1689.

Sincerely,

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure

bcc:
CESAJ-DP-I (Stevens)

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

JUN 05 2000

Mr. James J. Slack
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
South Florida Ecosystems Office
Post Office Box 2676
Vero Beach, Florida 32961-2676

Dear Mr. Slack:

This is in reference to the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project and the proposed renourishment at Miami Beach in the vicinity of 63rd Street. For a description of the proposed action, please refer to the enclosed public notice dated June 1, 2000.

The Biological Opinion (BO) dated October 24, 1996, for Region III of the Coast of Florida Erosion and Storm Effects Study includes the project area considered for the proposed renourishment. We believe the reasonable and prudent measures, and terms and conditions listed in the BO for Dade County apply to the proposed renourishment. We plan to incorporate these requirements into the project plans and specifications, and any contracts as appropriate.

Your written concurrence on this determination is requested. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Mike Dupes of my staff at 904-232-1689.

Sincerely,

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 4970
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32232-0019

REPLY TO
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JUN 01 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

RENOURISHMENT AT MIAMI BEACH (VICINITY OF 63RD STREET) DADE COUNTY BEACH EROSION CONTROL AND HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT

TO ADDRESSEES ON THE ENCLOSED LIST:

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing the enclosed public notice concerning the renourishment of a section of Miami Beach in the vicinity of 63rd Street, Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project.

We welcome your views, comments and information about the project. Your input should be provided as indicated in the enclosed public notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Duck".

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure

LIST OF ADDRESSES FOR PUBLIC NOTICE
(33 CFR 325.3(d) & 337.1(c))
(Detailed List in Project Records)

- 1) distribution for posting in post offices or other appropriate public places in the vicinity of the site of the proposed work,
- 2) appropriate city and county officials,
- 3) adjoining property owners,
- 4) appropriate state agencies,
- 5) appropriate Indian Tribes or tribal representatives,
- 6) concerned Federal agencies,
- 7) local, regional and national shipping and other concerned business and conservation organizations,
- 8) appropriate River Basin Commissions,
- 9) appropriate state and areawide clearing houses as prescribed by OMB Circular A-95,
- 10) local news media,
- 11) any other interested party,
- 12) all parties who have specifically requested copies of public notices,
- 13) the U.S. Senators and Representatives for the area where the work is to be performed,
- 14) the field representative of the Secretary of the Interior,
- 15) the Regional Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service,
- 16) the Regional Director of the National Park Service,
- 17) the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency,
- 18) the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service,
- 19) the head of the state agency responsible for fish and wildlife resources,
- 20) the State Historic Preservation Officer
- 21) the District Commander, U.S. Coast Guard

PUBLIC NOTICE
RENOURISHMENT OF MIAMI BEACH
(VICINITY OF 63RD STREET)
DADE COUNTY BEACH EROSION CONTROL AND
HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT

PUBLIC NOTICE AUTHORITY:

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). This public notice is being issued in accordance with Corps of Engineers Regulations concerning Civil Works Projects (part 7-64 b of ER 1105-2-100). This notice complies with Corps policy concerning public notice of Civil Works projects relative to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as Amended (33 U.S.C. 1314). This notice will also satisfy any public notice requirements relative to Section 103 of this act as it may apply to this project (part 7-69 of ER 1105-2-100).

POINT OF CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Submit comments to Mr. James C. Duck, Chief, Planning Division, Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida, 32232-0019, fax (904) 232-3442. For additional information, contact Mr. Mike Dupes at (904) 232-1689 or at the fax number above.

PROJECT AUTHORITY:

Initial Authorization. The Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection (BEC & HP) Project for Dade County, Florida was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968 (see figure 1, project map). In addition, Section 69 of the 1974 Water Resources Act (P.L. 93-251 dated 7 March 1974) included the initial construction by non-Federal interests of the 0.85-mile segment along Bal Harbour Village, immediately south of Bakers Haulover Inlet. The authorized project, as described in HD 335/90/2, provided for the construction of a protective/recreational beach and a protective dune for 9.3

miles of shoreline between Government Cut and Baker's Haulover Inlet (encompassing Miami Beach, Surfside and Bal Harbour) and for the construction of a protective/recreational beach along the 1.2 miles of shoreline at Haulover Beach Park.

Supplemental Appropriation. The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662) provided authority for extending the northern limit of the authorized project to include the construction of a protective beach along the 2.5 mile reach of shoreline north of Haulover Beach Park (Sunny Isles) and for periodic nourishment of the new beach. This authority also provided for the extension of the period of Federal participation in the cost of nourishing the authorized 1968 BEC & HP Project for Dade County, which covered 10.5 miles of shoreline extending from Government Cut north to the northern boundary of Haulover Beach Park, from 10 years to the 50-year life of the project.

Project Purpose. The purpose of the project is to prevent or reduce loss of public beachfront to continuing erosional forces and to prevent or reduce periodic damages and potential risk to life, health, and property in the developed lands adjacent to the beach.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

Proposed Action. The placement of about 200,000 cubic yards of material would be required along the beach in the vicinity of 63rd Street, Miami Beach, Florida (figure 2, location map). The beach fill would cover approximately 2,800 feet of shoreline from DEP monument R-44 to R-46A. Refer to figure 3 for a plan view of the fill area. The beach will have a berm width of 205 feet from the ECL at an elevation of +9 feet mean low water (MLW),

with a construction tolerance of +/- 0.5 feet. The front slope of the fill will be 1 vertical on 15 horizontal. Refer to figure 4 for a typical profile view. A 50-foot pipeline access corridor is proposed for placement of the pipeline to be used to pump sand to the beach. The corridor is located 1200 feet north of the beach fill area (figure 3).

Alternatives. Alternatives in addition to beach renourishment were considered in the 1975 GDM for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project. The alternatives considered include a) implementing Hurricane warning and emergency flood mobilization; b) revising zoning regulations and existing building codes; c) raising existing bulkheads and seawalls; d) hurricane dunes; and e) groins. These alternatives are discussed below.

a) Implementing hurricane warning and emergency flood mobilization is unrealistic for overall protection because mass evacuation requires an adequate preplanned emergency mobilization plan. Forecasts of the exact path of hurricane approach cannot usually be made with any great degree of accuracy until a short time prior to the arrival of the storm.

b) "Hurricane proofing," where sufficient time exists before hurricane landfall, can reduce wind and rain damage but has no effect on tidal flooding. Revised zoning regulations, more realistic bulkhead lines and minimum fill elevations would also have little effect on tidal flooding because of the advanced stage of development on the island.

c) Without an adequate beach, seawalls would have to be so massive that they would be objectionable to waterfront property owners.

d) Constructing a dune to a higher elevation would provide small additional benefits during a design hurricane occurrence in relation to the increase in costs.

e) Costs of groin construction would exceed the cost of periodic nourishment, would not increase benefits, and are not economically justified.

Borrow Site. The proposed borrow areas to be used are located south of Government Cut, approximately 2.5 miles east of Key Biscayne, in 30 to 40 feet of water (figure 2). Field investigations of these areas have previously been performed by the USFWS, DERM and the Corps in association with a previous renourishment in Dade County.

Alternative Borrow Sites. Alternate borrow sites considered include distant sources, deep water sources (60 to 300 feet deep), borrow areas located south of Government Cut and upland sources.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The proposed action is planned to occur during 2001.

DRAWINGS: Figure 1 is enclosed as a project map; figure 2 is a location map; figure 3 is a plan view of the fill area and figure 4 shows a typical beach profile.

RELATIONSHIP TO BASELINE OF TERRITORIAL SEA: All activities proposed would occur within 3 miles of the Florida coastline. A major purpose of the project is to prevent or reduce loss of public beach front to continuing erosional forces.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS:

Water Quality Certification. The project would cause temporary increases in turbidity at dredging and beach disposal sites. The State of Florida water quality regulations require that water quality standards not be violated during dredging operations. The standards state that turbidity outside the mixing zone shall not exceed 29 NTU's above background. Various protective measures and monitoring programs would be conducted during construction to ensure meeting state water quality criteria. Should turbidity exceed State water quality standards as determined by monitoring, the contractor would be required to cease work until conditions returned to normal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has submitted an application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the project. Any comments concerning water quality