

## **5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

### **5.1 Introduction**

The EPA, USACE, and the local sponsors involved the public through outreach programs. A proactive approach was taken to inform the public, resource agencies, industry, local government, and other interested parties about the project and to identify any concerns.

### **5.2 Notice of Intent**

A Notice of Intent for the designation of ODMDSs offshore Palm Beach and Port Everglades Harbors was published by the EPA Region 4 Office on June 27, 1997 in the Federal Register (Volume 62, Number 124). Mr. Christopher McArthur is listed as the Point of Contact. A copy of the Notice of Intent is included in Appendix A.

### **5.3 Scoping Letter**

A scoping letter dated April 17, 1995, regarding designation of the Port Everglades ODMDS, was sent to Federal, State, and local governmental offices and agencies and other concerned entities. A second scoping letter dated September 26, 1997, regarding designation of the Palm Beach ODMDS, was sent to Federal, State, and local governmental offices and agencies, and other concerned entities. Fourteen letters were received in response to these letters from surrounding businesses and state agencies. A copy of the original scoping letters and response letters are appended to this document (Appendix A).

## 5.4 Distribution of Draft and Final FEIS

This draft EIS is being distributed to the following agencies, groups, and individuals for review and comment.

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Council on Environmental Quality
- Economic Development Commission
- Environmental Government Affairs
- Federal Maritime Commission
- General Services Administration
- National Science Foundation
- U.S. Department of Commerce
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
    - Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory
  - National Marine Fisheries Service
  - National Ocean Survey
  - Office of Coastal Zone Management
  - U.S. Coral Reef Task Force
- U.S. Department of Defense
  - Pentagon
  - Department of the Air Force
  - Department of the Army Corps of Engineers
  - Department of the Navy
    - Naval Surface Warfare Center, South Florida Testing Facility
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Interior
  - Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Geological Survey
  - Minerals and Management Service
  - National Park Service (Southeast Regional Office, Archaeology)
- U.S. Department of Transportation
  - Coast Guard Seventh District, Miami, Florida
  - Maritime Administration
- U.S. House of Representatives
  - Appropriate to areas of Palm Beach Harbor and Port Everglades Harbor
- U.S. Senate
  - Honorable Bob Graham
  - Honorable Bill Nelson

### State

- Florida Department of Agriculture
- Florida Department of Community Affairs
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Division of Historical Resources
- Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission

Florida House of Representatives  
Appropriate to areas of Palm Beach Harbor and Port Everglades Harbor  
Florida Marine Fisheries Commission  
Florida OTED  
Florida Senate  
Appropriate to areas of Palm Beach Harbor and Port Everglades Harbor  
Office of the Governor-Florida  
Governor of Florida Honorable John Ellis Bush  
State of Florida A-95 Clearing House

### **Local**

Palm Beach County  
Chairman of County Commissioners  
Mayor of the City of Palm Beach  
Palm Beach Port Authority  
Broward County  
Chairman of County Commissioners  
Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale  
Port Everglades Port Authority

### **Organizations and Public**

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Coast Alliance  
Ocean Conservancy-Southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Office  
Coastal Fuels Marketing, Inc.  
Crowley American Transport, Inc.  
Cry of the Water (Attn: Dan Clark)  
Eller & Company, Inc.  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Audubon Society  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida League of anglers  
Florida Sport Fishing Association  
Florida Wildlife Federation  
Mr. George R. Frost, P.E.  
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute  
International Women's Fishing Association  
MAR, Inc.  
Michael Swerdlow Companies, Inc.  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Resources Defense Council  
Nova University  
Organized Fisherman of Florida  
Port Everglades Association, Inc.  
Port Everglades Pilots' Association  
Rinker Materials Corporation  
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science – University of Miami

(Attn: Tom Lee)  
Sierra Club  
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
South Florida Regional Planning Council  
S.N. Ship Management, Inc.  
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
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