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CESAJ-RD-NJ (1145)

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Navy, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA 31547-2606

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Permit Number SAJ-1992-01854

1. Reference is made to your request on 21 May 2013, for a time extension to a Department of the Army (DA) permit. You requested a time extension to your Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act (Section 10) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404) authorization. The permit authorizes annual maintenance dredging of approximately one million cubic yards of material from navigable waters of the United States; and, the placement of beach quality material on the beach and the nearshore disposal area. The permit expires on 31 August 2013.

2. The following special conditions replace conditions from the initial permit issued on 17 October 2005, and are hereby incorporated in, and made a part of, the permit. Special condition (a.) replaces conditions 4 through 11 of the initial permit for the protection of the manatee. Special condition (b.) supplements special condition 12 of the initial permit to ensure compliance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's revised Statewide Programmatic Biological Opinion (SPBO), dated 22 August 2011. The conditions are as follows:

a. Manatee Conditions: The Permittee shall comply with the *Standard Manatee* Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011, which are attached to the permit for the protection of the manatee.

b. Statewide Programmatic Biological Opinion: The placement of sand on the beach identified within this permit is approved under the SPBO and its references, which can be viewed on the following Internet site:

http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/BOs/20110822_bo_USFWS_Statewide_Programmatic_ <u>BO_Beach_Nourish_signed.pdf</u>. The permittee is responsible for obtaining and complying with the SPBO. If the permittee is unable to view the SPBO at this Internet site the permittee shall immediately contact the Corps to receive a copy of the SPBO. The permittee shall implement all reasonable and prudent measures identified in the SPBO for the protection of the Green (*Chelonia mydas*), Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricate*), and Kemps Ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles; and West Indian (Florida) manatee (*Trichechus manatus latrostris*). In addition, the permittee shall institute the seven conservation recommendations that are part of the interim Section 7 consultation procedures and are listed on pages 3 and 4 of the SBPO for additional protection of the piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and its designated critical winter habitat. CESAJ-RD-NJ (1145) SUBJECT: Department of the Army Permit Number SAJ-1992-01854

3. The impacts of the proposed work on navigation and the environment have been evaluated and found to be insignificant. DA permit SAJ-1992-01854 is hereby modified. The completion date for work authorized under Section 10 of the RHA and Section 404 of the CWA is extended from 31 August 2013 to 30 April 2014. The permit is hereby modified in accordance with your request. You should attach this letter to your permits. All other conditions, limitations, and stipulations of the permit and modifications remain in effect.

4. Please address any questions concerning this matter to Ms. Bev Lawrence, at (904) 232-2517.

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