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**JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**ANTILLES OFFICE**  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division  
South Permits Branch  
Antilles Section

**REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT SAJ-81**  
**SAJ-2013-02947**

**MAINTENANCE DREDGING THE MOUTHS OF RIVERS, CREEKS, STREAMS, CANALS AND/OR STORM DRAINAGES LOCATED IN NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.**

Upon recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), general authority is given for maintenance dredging at the mouths of rivers, creeks, streams, canals and/or storm drains, in navigable waters of the United States with the purpose of restoring normal flow at the mouth of the waterway through the removal of sand and accumulated sediment, for preventative and emergency measures, and to alleviate potential and immediate flood issues and hazards, subject to the following conditions:

**Special Conditions:**

1. Work authorized under this Regional General Permit (RGP) is limited to maintenance dredging the volume of material necessary (based on depth and width of waterway) to remove the blockage of sand and accumulated sediment, such to allow for the normal flow of the impeded waterway. The proposed maintenance dredging may be conducted no more than twice per calendar year at any given waterway. This authorization is only for the main island of Puerto Rico.
2. The depth and width of the dredging shall be consistent and in proportion to the dimensions of the waterway mouth to be opened, and in no case shall the depth of the dredging exceed -1 meter NGVD and the width of the dredging exceed 50% of the width of the waterway measured at the location of the sand bar within the mouth. No additional dredging is allowed under this permit.
3. Prior to the initiation of any construction, projects qualifying for this regional general permit must obtain a letter of authorization from the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) for applying for the RGP SAJ-81 from the Corps.

4. A copy of this permit (SAJ-81) and attachments shall be available at the construction site, for all projects.

5. This permit does not authorize the discharge of dredged or fill material into any water of the U.S., including wetlands.

6. All dredged material shall be deposited in an upland area in the vicinity of the work site with appropriate erosion control measures (Jersey barriers with filter fabric liners, silt fences, etc.); once dried the sand/sediment shall be spread above the ordinary high water line/high tide line or removed from the site to a different upland location. The spread of the dredged sand shall be accomplished only after the area has been surveyed for the potential presence of sea turtle nests at the work area.

7. The dredged material shall remain in the vicinity of the work site, except in the case that the dredged materials contain solid wastes; those shall be disposed in the nearest landfill, or according to the applicable waste disposal regulations. If circumstances arise in regards to an excess of accumulated sediment on the banks (due to periodic maintenance and overabundance of material), then an alternative upland disposal site will be utilized.

8. The work authorized under this permit shall be performed from uplands, or the top of the banks of the waterway, whenever possible. This permit does not authorize any temporary or permanent fill of wetlands or navigable waters of the US necessary for access or to perform the dredging.

9. Best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control shall be implemented and maintained at all times. The permittee shall be responsible for ensuring that erosion and turbidity control devices and procedures are inspected and maintained daily during all phases of activity. The permittee will also follow the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board's (EQB) requirements found in the document "Regulation for Erosion and Sedimentation Control for Puerto Rico".

a. Installation/Removal of Devices: Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the permittee shall install turbidity/erosion control measures along the perimeter of all work areas so to prevent turbidity downstream and erosion within the work area. All measures shall prevent siltation and turbid discharges into the aquatic ecosystem. Silt curtains (fences) shall be used around work areas to minimize sediment transport into adjacent aquatic environments. Furthermore, the permittee shall install double floating turbidity barriers with weighted skirts that extend to within one foot of the bottom around all dredging activities. All erosion, turbidity, and

sedimentation control devices shall be left and maintained in place until all work is completed. After completion of the dredging, and the work area waters have returned to original (prior to commencement of work) turbidity levels, the turbidity curtains may be removed. After completion of the final grading and stabilization of the land surface for the spreading of the dredged material, any other erosion control devices may be removed.

b. Turbidity Monitoring: Monitoring for turbidity shall be conducted for the duration of the project. Sampling will commence prior to, but no more than 24 hours before initiation of any dredging or filling activities. A minimum of two sampling sites shall be established at the dredging area. The first site will be located at the boundary on the upstream side of the turbidity barriers (within 1 meter) and the second will be at the boundary on the downstream side of the turbidity barriers (within 1 meter). Background samples shall be collected at two sites as well, one upstream a minimum of 100 meters from the work area and one downstream. All samples will be collected at surface, mid-depth, and one-foot above bottom. Mid-depth samples are sufficient in water that is less than five feet deep.

Samples shall be analyzed immediately after collection with a turbidimeter that produces results in Nephelometric measurements (NTUs). The field sample results shall be accurately recorded to the precision capabilities (decimal place) of the instrument. Field turbidimeter results shall be rounded to the next whole number (ex. 15.23 NTUs shall be recorded; however the results shall be interpreted as 16.00 NTUs). If monitoring reveals turbidity levels are greater than or equal to 10 NTUs above the background turbidity levels, all work shall cease until turbidity levels return to acceptable levels.

A Sample log shall be kept and include the following for each sample taken: time of day sample was taken, depth of water body, depth of sample, tidal stage and direction of flow, and antecedent weather conditions (temperature, wind direction and velocity, precipitation, etc.).

10. This permit does not authorize the “take” of any federally listed threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, or their designated critical habitat.

11. Specific monitoring shall be conducted for the potential presence of sea turtle nests at the work area. The monitoring shall be performed by DNER personnel prior to commencement of the dredging work. Monitoring shall start at least 75 days prior to the dredging activities during the leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) nesting season (February to August). During the rest of the year monitoring shall start at least

60 days prior to the dredging activity. Continuous monitoring would comply with the monitoring requirement.

12. Where monitoring identifies a sea turtle nest vulnerable to destruction by the proposed dredging activities; protection of the nest will be paramount, with the relocation of the nest conducted per USFWS requirements as a final option.

13. The permittee will be required to follow the attached NMFS "Sea turtle Construction Conditions" dated January 28, 2009 on all projects.

14. The permittee will be required to follow the attached U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Standard Antillean Manatee Conservation Measures" for all in-water work.

15. No federally listed corals, their designated critical habitat, or corals proposed to be federally listed, shall be adversely affected by the proposed activities authorized by this permit.

16. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties: No adverse impacts to cultural resources or historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP are authorized by this permit.

a. If during the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the subject of a previous cultural resources assessment survey (and which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, evidence of structures or any other physical remains that could be associated with pre-contact or indigenous cultures, early colonial or historical settlements), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work and ground-disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the discovery and notify the Corps within the same business day (8 hours). The Corps shall then notify the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions.

b. Additional cultural resources assessments may be required of the permit area in the case of unanticipated discoveries as referenced in accordance with the above Special Condition and if deemed necessary by the SHPO or the Corps.

c. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands, they will be treated in accordance with Puerto Rico Statutes. All work and ground disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the unmarked human remains shall immediately cease and the permittee shall immediately notify the Corps

within the same business day (8-hours). The Corps shall then notify the SHPO. Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the SHPO and from the Corps.

17. Petroleum products from the permittee's operations shall not be discharged in waters of the United States, including wetlands or in areas where the products may enter waters of the U.S.

18. This regional general permit will be valid for a period of five years from the date specified above unless suspended or revoked by the District Commander prior to that date. If SAJ-81 expires or is revoked prior to completion of the authorized work, authorization of activities that have commenced or are under contract to commence in reliance on SAJ-81 will remain in effect provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the date SAJ-81 expired or was revoked.

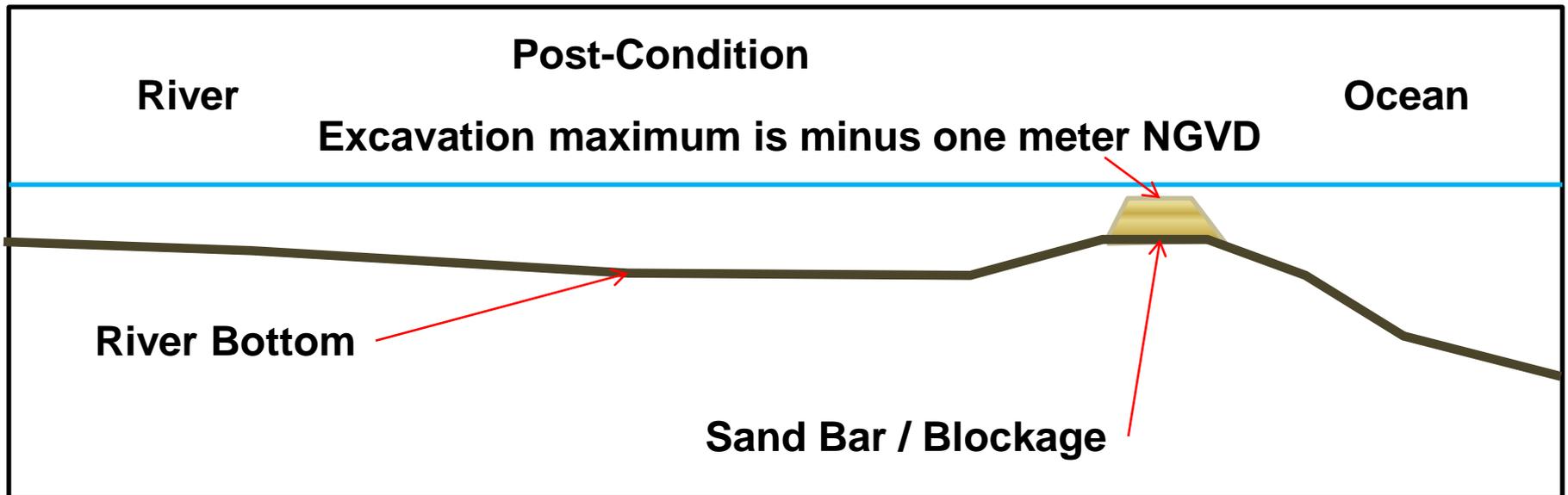
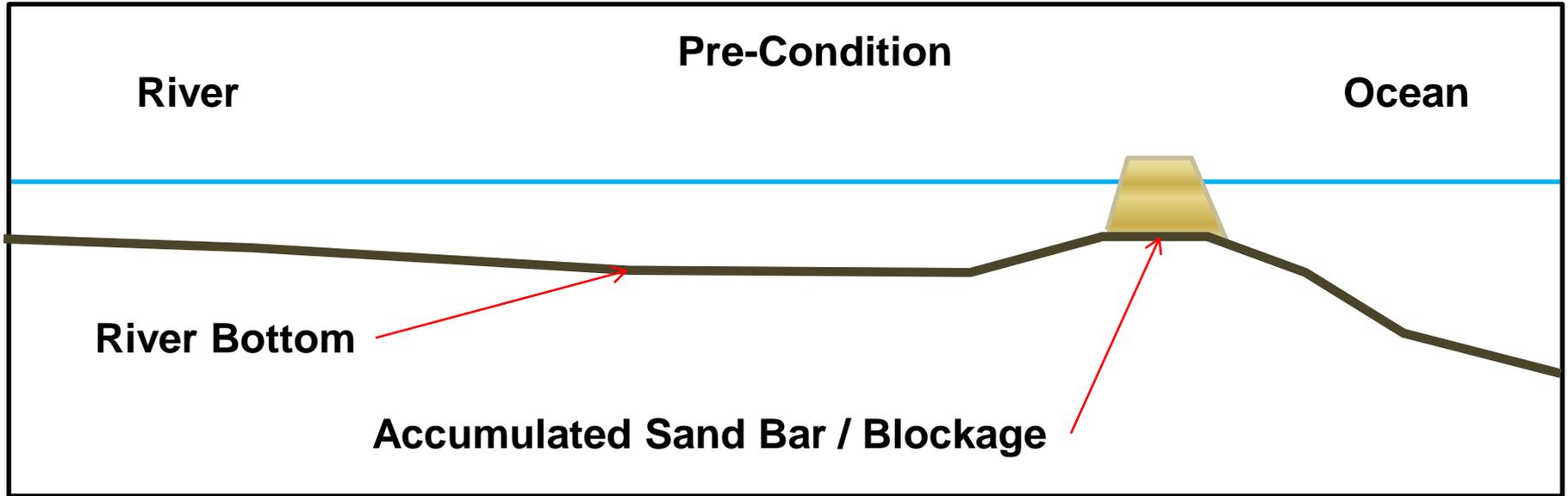
19. Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized, the attached "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" must be completed and submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mail the completed form to the Antilles Office, Regulatory Division, Special Projects and Enforcement Branch, 400 Fernandez Juncos Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299.

20. This authorization does not obviate the necessity to obtain any other Federal, Commonwealth, or local permit, which may be required.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Jason A. Kirk  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander

# Typical Cross-section of Dredging Activities





**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**  
Southeast Regional Office  
263 13th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

## **SEA TURTLE CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS**

The permittee shall comply with the following protected species construction conditions:

- a. The permittee shall instruct all personnel associated with the project of the potential presence of these species and the need to avoid collisions with sea turtles. All construction personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of these species.
- b. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing sea turtles, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
- c. Siltation barriers shall be made of material in which a sea turtle cannot become entangled, be properly secured, and be regularly monitored to avoid protected species entrapment. Barriers may not block sea turtle entry to or exit from designated critical habitat without prior agreement from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- d. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "no wake/idle" speeds at all times while in the construction area and while in water depths where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will preferentially follow deep-water routes (e.g., marked channels) whenever possible.
- e. If a sea turtle is seen within 100 yards of the active daily construction/dredging operation or vessel movement, all appropriate precautions shall be implemented to ensure its protection. These precautions shall include cessation of operation of any moving equipment closer than 50 feet of a sea turtle. Operation of any mechanical construction equipment shall cease immediately if a sea turtle is seen within a 50-ft radius of the equipment. Activities may not resume until the protected species has departed the project area of its own volition.
- f. Any collision with and/or injury to a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish shall be reported immediately to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division (727-824-5312) and the local authorized sea turtle stranding/rescue organization.
- g. Any special construction conditions, required of your specific project, outside these general conditions, if applicable, will be addressed in the primary consultation.

Revised: January 28, 2009





U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
CARIBBEAN ECOLOGICAL SERVICES FIELD OFFICE  
JANUARY 2012

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EVALUATE EFFECTS ON ANTILLEAN MANATEES**

The Service considers shallow coastal areas, bays, estuaries, river mouths and mangrove lagoon ecosystems as important for the conservation of the Antillean manatee because these areas contain all the natural elements preferred by manatees: abundant sea grass relatively calm waters, sheltered spots, and freshwater sources, as well as a relatively low number of boats within the bay. Actions proposed for these areas should be carefully examined, to ensure that elements required by this species are not compromised.

To evaluate the potential effect of proposed action on manatees, we need the applicants to address the following issues:

1. Type and amount of watercraft associated to the project
2. Amount of boat facilities (e.g. ramps, piers, dry-stacks, buoys, among others)
3. Amount of habitat to be affected (e.g. acres of sea grasses and/or mangroves)
4. Provisions / restrictions to be taken to prevent collisions with manatees (e.g. delineation of an entrance channel, marking buoys, navigation aids, among others).
5. Outreach efforts to be implemented concerning boat operation. One of the main components of a successful operation of facilities that implement mechanisms to safeguard threatened and endangered species is a comprehensive outreach program that clearly indicates to the public 1) the actions that the facility is undertaking to protect such species (including assurances on the implementation of protection measures), and 2) the activities that the public should take to minimize or prevent impacts to sensitive species and their habitats. Guidelines for safe operation of watercrafts should be included as part of the outreach/education component of the proposed project (example attached below).
6. Any other site-specific conservation measure applicable for the project.

## **EXAMPLE OF CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR IN-WATER PROJECTS (INCLUDING DREDGING ACTIVITIES)**

The following manatee conservation measures are recommended:

1. The contractor instructs all personnel associated with construction of the facility of the presence of manatees and the need to avoid collisions with manatees.
2. All construction personnel will be advised that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The permit holder and/or contractor will be held responsible for any manatee harmed, harassed, or killed as a result of construction of the project.

3. The project work area shall be surveyed for the presence of manatees at least one hour before any dredging starts and prior to the installation of the silt fence. If manatees are found before any in-water project activity starts, the contractor shall wait for the manatee to leave the area by itself and be at least 100 feet from the project in-water area. Manatees must not be herded or harassed into leaving the area.
4. Siltation barriers will be made of material in which manatee cannot become entangled, are properly secured, and are regularly monitored to avoid manatee entrapment. Barriers must not block manatee entry to or exit from essential habitat.
5. All vessels associated with the project construction will operate at “no-wake/idle” speed at all times while in water within manatee areas and vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
6. If manatees are seen within 100 yards (300 feet) of the in-water work area, all appropriate precautions shall be implemented to ensure protection of the manatees. These precautions shall include operating all equipment in such a manner that moving equipment does not come any closer than 50 to 100 feet of any manatee. If a manatee is within 50 feet of in-water work, all in-water activities must shut down, until manatee moves on its own at least 100 feet away from the in-water work area. Manatees must not be herded or harassed into leaving the area.
7. Any collision with and/or injury to a manatee shall be reported immediately to the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources Law Enforcement (787-724-5700) and the USFWS Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office (787-851-7297).
8. The contractor shall keep a log detailing sightings, collisions, or injury to manatees, which have occurred during the contract period. Following project completion, a report summarizing the above incidents and sightings will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622.
9. The permit holder and/or contractor shall install and maintain temporary and permanent manatee signs as recommended by the following guidelines:
  - a. Signs must be placed in a prominent location for maximum visibility. Areas that are recommended include: dock walkways, dock master offices, near restrooms or other high patron foot traffic areas.
  - b. Signs must be replaced when faded, damaged or outdated.
  - c. If the facility is large or has multiple docks with separate walkways that are a considerable distance apart, multiple signs should be installed.
  - d. These signs must not face the water, must never be attached to pilings or navigational markers in the water. Some exceptions to signs facing the water exist for temporary signs during in-water work.
  - e. For durability, all signs should be fiberglass, PVC or metal with rounded corners (hand-sanded to remove all sharp edges and burrs), constructed of 0.08 Gauge 5052-H38 Aluminum with an Alodine 1200 conversion coating and Engineer Grade Type I reflective sheeting. Signs constructed to other specifications may not provide durability acceptable to the consumer.
  - f. Signs other than depicted may be considered, but should be approved by USFWS.

**PRECAUCIÓN: HÁBITAT DE MANATÍ**  
**CAUTION: MANATEE HABITAT**

**Toda embarcación**  
**VELOCIDAD MÁXIMA 5MPH**  
All project vessels **IDLE SPEED/NO WAKE**

Si observa un manatí a 50 pies o menos del área de trabajo,  
toda actividad en el agua debe

**DETENERSE**

When a manatee is within 50 feet of work all in-water activities must **SHUT DOWN**

Informe cualquier accidente con un manatí.  
Report any collision with or injury to a manatee.

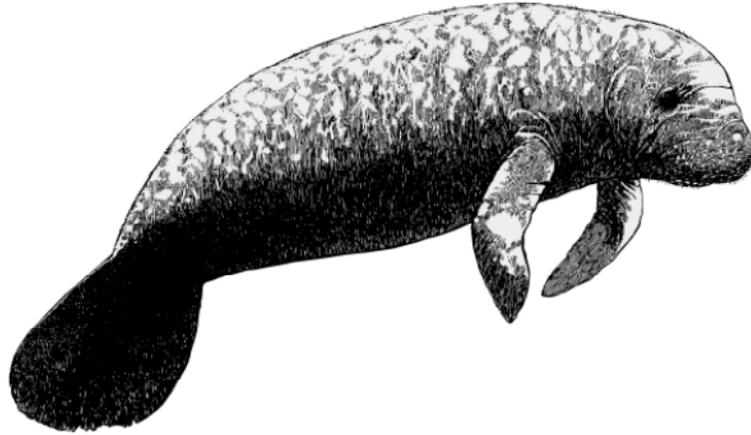


**Vigilantes DRNA**  
**(787)724-5700**

This **temporary** bilingual sign is required as part of the standard manatee construction conditions and is intended to be placed near dredge, tugboat and work boat operators. Minimum size should be at least 8½" inches tall by 11" inches wide, and besides the above recommendation, the sign may be in laminated paper. This sign shall be installed or distributed prior to the initiation of construction. Temporary signs will be removed by the permit holder upon completion of construction.

To obtain a ready to print copy of this sign, please contact the USFWS Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office at 787-851-7297 ext. 220 or by email at [jan\\_zegarra@fws.gov](mailto:jan_zegarra@fws.gov)

**PRECAUCIÓN**  
**Manatíes en el Área**  
Caution: Watch for Manatees



**VELOCIDAD MÁXIMA 5MPH**  
**IDLE SPEED/NO WAKE**

Informe cualquier accidente con un manatí.

**Vigilantes DRNA**  
**(787) 724-5700**

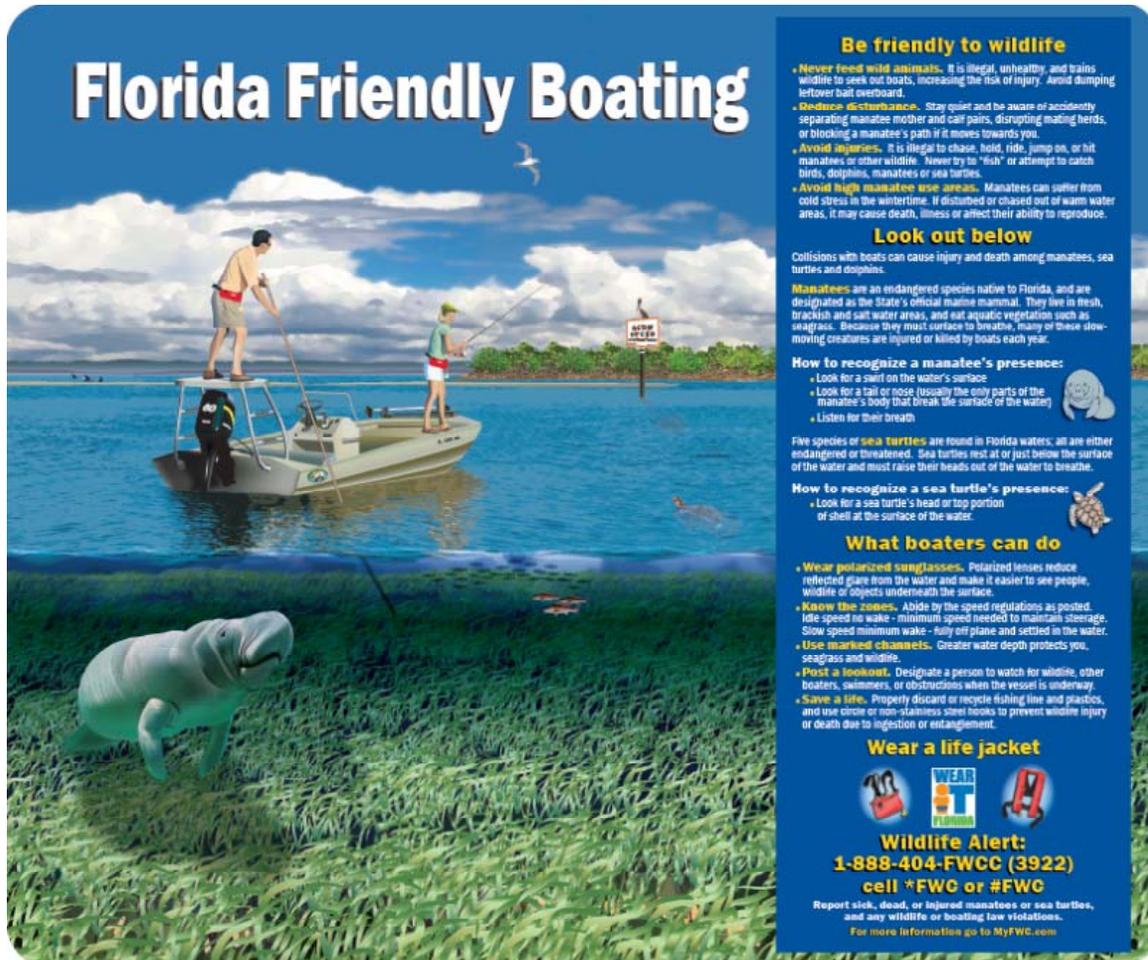
Report collisions, sick, dead or injured manatees.

This **permanent** bilingual sign is required as part of the standard manatee construction conditions and is intended to be placed within docking and launching facilities. Minimum size should be at least 30" inches tall by 24" inches wide with rounded corners. This sign shall be installed prior, during or after project construction. This permanent sign may not be required for coastal projects that **do not** have docking and/or launching facilities.

To obtain a ready to print copy of this sign, please contact the USFWS Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office at 787-851-7297 ext. 220 or by email at [jan\\_zegarra@fws.gov](mailto:jan_zegarra@fws.gov)

10. A permanent bilingual manatee educational sign should be installed and maintained prior to mooring occupancy at a prominent location to increase the awareness of boaters using the facility of boats to these animals. The numbers of educational signs that may be installed will depend on the docking facility design. One manatee educational sign is recommended at each boat ramp or travel lift (if applicable). Manatee educational signs remain the responsibility of the owner(s) and the Service recommends the signs be maintained for the life of the docking facility in a manner acceptable to the Corps of Engineers.

### EXAMPLE MANATEE EDUCATIONAL SIGN



This **permanent** educational sign should have a minimum size of at least 30" inches tall by 36" inches wide with rounded corners.

11. A notarized verification letter stating that permanent signs have been installed at designated locations shall be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers, Antilles Regulatory Section, as soon as they are installed. Signs and pilings remain the responsibility of the owner(s) and are to be maintained for the life of the docking and launching facility in a manner acceptable to the Corps of Engineers.
12. Signs other than depicted above may be considered, but should be approved by USFWS. Signs shall have at least the following minimal recommend information:
  - a. Temporary bilingual signs:

**PRECAUCIÓN**  
**MANATÍES EN EL ÁREA**  
Mantenga velocidad de 5 mph dentro del área de construcción  
Informe cualquier incidente con un manatí  
Vigilantes DRNA 787-724-5700

**CAUTION**  
**MANATEES IN THE AREA**  
Maintain idle speed/no wake (5 mph) within construction site  
Report any collisions with or injury to a manatee

- b. Permanent bilingual signs:

**PRECAUCIÓN**  
**MANATÍES EN EL ÁREA**  
Velocidad máxima 5 mph  
Informe cualquier incidente con un manatí  
Vigilantes DRNA 787-724-5700

**CAUTION**  
**MANATEES IN THE AREA**  
Idle speed/No wake (5 mph) zone  
Report collisions, sick, dead or injured manatees

- c. Permanent bilingual educational sign and some of the of the recommended information it should include:

**GUÍA PARA LA PROTECCIÓN Y CONSERVACIÓN DEL MANATÍ**  
**(MANATEE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION GUIDELINES)**

1. Utilice gafas polarizadas mientras navega. Éstas ayudan a detectar mejor al manatí, las áreas llanas y cualquier obstáculo en el mar. (*Use polarized sunglasses while navigating. These help to detect any manatee, shallow waters and any other obstacle in the wáter.*)
2. Si usted ve un manatí en la trayectoria de su embarcación, reduzca la velocidad a 5 mph y conduzca la embarcación fuera del paso del manatí o espere a que el manatí salga del área poniendo su embarcación en neutro. (*If you see a manatee within the*

*path of your vessel, reduce the velocity to 5 mph and turn your vessel away from the manatee's path or wait until the manatee has moved from the area by putting your vessel in neutral.)*

3. Luego de asegurarse de que el manatí esté fuera de la trayectoria de su embarcación, continúe navegando despacio (no más de 5 mph) hasta que su embarcación se encuentre a no menos de 50 pies (15 metros) del manatí. *(After you are certain that the manatee is well outside of the path of your vessel, resume navigation slowly (not more than 5 mph) until your vessel is not less than 50 feet (15 meters) away from the manatee.)*
4. Obedezca las zonas con límites de velocidad y reduzca la velocidad en aguas llanas menores a 10 pies de profundidad en particular cerca de la costa, en las desembocaduras de ríos, en praderas de hierbas marinas y manglares. *(Obey regulatory speed zones and reduce velocity in shallow waters less than 10 feet, particularly close to the coast, in river mouths, in sea grass beds and mangroves.)*
5. Si observa un manatí mientras usted está en el agua, obsérvelo pasivamente, no lo persiga, acose o lo toque. *(If you observe a manatee while in the water, passively observe it, do not follow it, nor harass or touch.)*
6. No tire basura al agua. El manatí puede ingerirla o enredarse en ella, lo cual podría causarle heridas o la muerte. *(Do not throw trash in the water. Manatees may ingest or entangle on trash, which may injure or kill it.)*
7. Nunca alimente o le ofrezca agua a un manatí. Es ilegal y los malacostumbra a acercarse a lugares donde pueden ser lastimados. *(Never feed or give water to a manatee. It is illegal and will wrongly habituate them to approach areas where they can be injured.)*

Informe accidentes con un manatí inmediatamente. Si encuentra un bebé manatí solo, en peligro, herido o muerto, llame al Cuerpo de Vigilantes del Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales al 787-724-5700 o al Programa de Rescate de Mamíferos Marinos al 787-833-2025, 787-538-4684 ó 787-645-5593. *(Inform any accident with a manatee immediately. If you find a baby manatee alone, in danger, injured or dead, call the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources Law Enforcement of at 787-724-5700 or the Marine Mammal Rescue Program at 787-833-2025, 787-538-4684 or 787-645-5593.)*

Herir o matar un manatí puede conllevar multas de más de \$50,000 y/o no menos de dos años de cárcel. ¡EVÍTESE ESE RIESGO!

*(Harming or killing a manatee could carry fines of more than \$50,000 and/or not less than two years in prison. AVOID THIS RISK!)*

**GRACIAS POR AYUDAR A SALVAR LOS MANATÍES  
THANKS FOR HELPING SAVE THE MANATEES**

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**SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

**Permit Number: SAJ-2013-02947 (SAJ-81)**

Permittee's Name & Address (please print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of the Work: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Work Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Work Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY IS INACCESSIBLE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION PLEASE CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_**  
**AT \_\_\_\_\_**

Description of the Work (e.g. bank stabilization, residential or commercial filling, docks, dredging, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Acreage or Square Feet of Impacts to Waters of the United States: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Mitigation completed (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any Deviations from Permit (attach drawing(s) depicting the deviations):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all work, and mitigation (if applicable) was done in accordance with the limitations and conditions as described in the permit. Any deviations as described above are depicted on the attached drawing(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Permittee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name of Permittee (printed or typed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT SAJ-81**

**CHECKLIST**

This Checklist is to be completed and submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Antilles Office for verification to authorize activities under Regional General Permit (RGP) SAJ-81, prior to any work.

Name of Applicant Proposed Date of Work

Address of Applicant Municipality of Project

Name of Waterbody Coordinates of Project  
Latitude:  
Longitude:

The following information is required to obtain authorization under RGP SAJ-81. All questions must be answered and the form must be signed.

1. Has dredging occurred at this waterway more than twice this calendar year?  
 No If yes, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.
  
2. Is the proposed area of dredging less than 50% of the width of the waterway and less than -1 meter in depth as measured at the location of the sand bar/blockage?  
 Yes If no, this project will require a standard permit from the Corps.
  
3. Will this project require the filling of wetlands?  
 No If yes, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81, standard permit required.
  
4. Are sea turtle nests present within the project site or spoil deposition site?  
 No If yes, the nest must be avoided or relocated per USFWS requirements.
  
5. Will the applicant follow the National Marine Fisheries Service’s “Sea Turtle Construction Conditions – dated January 28, 2009” at the project site?  
 Yes If no, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.
  
6. Will the applicant follow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s “Standard Antillean Manatee Conservation Measures” at the project site?  
 Yes If no, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.

7. Are federally listed corals, their designated critical habitat, or corals proposed to be federally listed present at the project site?  
No                      If yes, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.
8. Will the applicant follow the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board's (EQB) "Regulation for Erosion and Sedimentation Control for Puerto Rico" at the project site?  
Yes                      If no, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.
9. Will the dredged material remain in the vicinity of the work site (except in the case that the dredged materials contain solid wastes; those shall be disposed in the nearest landfill, or according to the applicable waste disposal regulations)?  
Yes                      If no, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.
10. Will all dredged material be deposited in an upland area in the vicinity of the work site with appropriate erosion control measures (Jersey barriers, silt fences, etc.); and once dried the sand/sediment shall be spread above the Ordinary high water line/high tide line or removed from the site to a different upland location?  
Yes                      If no, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.
11. Do you have a letter of authorization from the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) to apply for the RGP SAJ-81?  
Yes                      If no, this project is not eligible for the RGP SAJ-81.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Thank you for your submittal. The Corps will review the checklist and if approved, the applicant will receive written authorization. If you have any questions in reference to this material, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Antilles Office at 1-787-729-6905.