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CC	Attendees, Thomas Lundeen, P.E.		
Subject	Port of Palm Beach District – Slip 3 Improvement Project Pre-Application Meeting with US Army Corps of Engineers		
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A pre-application meeting was held with the Corps on July 7, 2011 at their office in Palm Beach Gardens. The following were in attendance:

Krista Sabin, USACE
Greg Juszli, Scheda
Karen Brandon, AECOM

After a brief overview of the alternatives under consideration by the Port of Palm Beach and the results of the resource survey performed by Scheda, the following items were discussed:

- Demolition of the existing seawalls will require relocation of certain species of stony corals greater 4 inches in diameter. Krista will contact National Marine Fisheries Service to confirm which species.
- The Corps would be agreeable to phasing the permitting, so that the Slip #3 improvements are permitted ahead of the east wharf improvements. Due to the seagrasses present east of the wharf, the permitting process will be lengthier for this portion of the improvements and avoidance and minimization will be required. A mitigation plan for unavoidable impacts to seagrasses will be required.
- The ship location at the east end of the wharf where it extends slightly into the ICWW R/W will not be an issue as long as it is at least 100 feet from the edge of the navigation channel to the edge of the vessel.
- Since there is no seagrass present within the Slip area, pile driving within the Slip will not be restricted. However, the dredging work will be limited based on the manatee schedule for congregation near the FP&L discharge. Because of the seagrasses at the east end of the wharf, both pile driving and dredging will be restricted in this area to between April 1 – November 14.
- Dredge disposal sites – Krista was not familiar with the Town of Palm Beach site or the deepwater site. The Corps prefers upland disposal. If the sites are permitted, we will have to determine whether a permit modification will be needed for disposal of material from the POPB.

- The POPB Maintenance Dredging Permit from the Corps is scheduled to expire April 2012. Krista suggests initiating the Permit Modification process soon. The site conditions will need to be reviewed.
- Since the permit duration for the Corps permit will be five (5) years, this needs to be considered in any project construction phasing. Permit extensions can be applied for as well.
- Whether the Corps needs to consult on Sawfish and Sea Turtles depends on the amount of material to be dredged, Krista anticipates that at least an informal consultation will be necessary.
- The permit contact for the United States Coast Guard is Joe Embres in Miami.
- Krista will be on assignment to Alabama for the month of August.
- Krista pointed out the Federal Project Limits boundary line on the maintenance dredging permit exhibit and asked whether that would have to be revised.
- Krista suggested we determine if seagrass mitigation was previously included in the existing maintenance dredging permit.