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**Port of Palm Beach supports Palm Beach County's
Bonefish Cove Restoration Project**

Riviera Beach, FL. – Dredge material stored in the port's spoil site on Peanut Island will be used to construct a county restoration project called Bonefish Cove.

During April's Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting, the board unanimously voted to approve an agreement that would allow the county to remove approximately 270,000 yards of excess material from the port's dredge material management area (DMMA).

“This project is a win-win situation. Palm Beach County will get free material to construct the restoration site and we will have more room to store material for future dredge projects,” said Port of Palm Beach District Board Chairman Blair Ciklin.

The Port of Palm Beach is one of the few ports in the country that owns a DMMA.

According to David Carson, Palm Beach County's Senior Environmental Analyst, the Bonefish Cove Restoration project consists of a series of three mangrove islands, oyster reefs, submerged aquatic vegetation, bird nesting mounds and riprap wave breaks.

Come early next year, the sand in the port's DMMA will be put on barges and transported down to the project site located half a mile south of the Lake Worth Bridge on the east side of the intracoastal.

“We are appreciative for the local, regional and federal partners who came together to support this project. It's a partnership between Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach, Town of Palm Beach, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Inland Navigation District and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation,” said Carson.

About Port of Palm Beach

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$14 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. For more information, visit www.portofpalmbeach.com.