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Permit Modification No. 0342057-006-JN
Permit No. 0342057-001-JC, Gulf County
St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Nourishment

Dear Mr. Morrow:

Your request to modify Permit No. 0342057-001-JC was received on May 22, 2020, and has been reviewed by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) staff. The proposed permit modification is to authorize the construction of a dune along a segment of beach north of Rish Park (FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] Berm) and the enhancement of the dune and berm along a segment of beach South of Rish Park (NFWF [National Fish and Wildlife Federation] Emergency Coastal Resilience), the addition of an upland sand source, and a revision of the physical monitoring plan (PMP). The General Conditions will be included in this modification and the Specific Conditions will be updated as needed. The Department will also use this opportunity to extend the permit expiration date an additional ten years to allow the 15-year duration afforded by Rule 62B-49.011(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

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For clarity and comprehensiveness, the existing permit (including all regulatory descriptions and conditions) will be replaced in entirety; ~~strike-throughs~~ and underlines will not be utilized.

PERMIT HISTORY

On December 21, 2016, the Department issued Permit No. **0342057-001-JC** to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners to continue the St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Nourishment Project, which was previously authorized under Permit No. **0266819-001-JC**. The Permittee was authorized to conduct periodic beach and dune nourishment along 6.6 miles of the St. Joseph Peninsula. Fill material will be excavated from the offshore Borrow Area “F”.

For additional background, please see the *Consolidated Notice Of Intent To Issue, Joint Coastal Permit, And Authorization To Use Sovereign Submerged Lands* for Permit No. 0342057-001-JC at the following website:

<ftp://ftp.dep.state.fl.us/pub/ENV-PRMT/gulf/issued/0342057%20St%20Joseph%20Peninsula%20Beach/>

On April 19, 2017, the Department issued Modification No. **0342057-002-JN** to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners to revise Specific Conditions 18 “Marine Turtle Nest Surveys and Relocations,” 37 “Water Quality-Turbidity Monitoring” and 38 “Turbidity Monitoring Compliance” contained in the permit. A change to the Project Description was also requested, in which the term “frontal dune” would be simplified to “dune”.

On February 1, 2019, the Department issued Modification No. **0342057-003-JN** to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners which extended the authorized fill placement area; allowing for construction activities within the boundaries of the William J. Rish Recreational Park located between Department Range Monuments R-85.5 to R-89.6.

On July 16, 2019, the Department issued Modification No. **0342057-004-JN** to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Park Service which added an authorized fill placement area and construction activities within the boundaries of the T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park located between Department Range Monuments R-70.5 to R-73.6. The Florida Park Service was added as a one-time co-permittee for the planned 2019/2020 nourishment event.

On August 27, 2019, the Department issued Modification No. **0342057-005-JN** to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners to authorize an additional construction access area located at R-101.5 to allow access for the southern portion of the project.

JUSTIFICATION AND STAFF ASSESSMENT

Hurricane Michael made landfall in Mexico Beach on October 10, 2018 which caused extensive structural damage as well as beach and dune erosion along the entirety of the Gulf County shoreline. Due to the impacts of the storm, an emergency dune and berm nourishment project is

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proposed to restore the beach to pre-storm conditions and increase the level of storm protection along four segments in Gulf County. Two of these segments are included in this modification: The FEMA Emergency Berm Project and the NFWF Emergency Coastal Resilience Project.

The FEMA Berm project will construct a dune feature between R-75 and R-85.5, using approximately 129,000 cubic yards of sand. The NFWF Emergency Coastal Resilience project will enhance the dune and construct 'vegetated island' features on the berm between R-89.6 and R-105.5, using approximately 79,000 cubic yards of sand. Both areas will obtain sand from an upland sand source known as Honeyville Borrow Pit located in Wewahitchka. All placement will be above the Mean High Water Line (MHWL) and will be stabilized with native vegetation.

The modification also requests a revision to the Physical Monitoring Plan (PMP) to allow monitoring surveys to be conducted prior to hurricane season rather than in the winter months.

The Department will use this opportunity to allow an extension to the duration of permit No. 0342057-001-JC, in accordance with Rule 62B-49.011(5). On November 19, 2015, the Department amended Rule 62B-49 F.A.C., which included options for 15-year permit durations. The Department has determined that the project meets the requirements set forth in Rule 62B-49.011(6)(a)-(d), F.A.C. Therefore, the Department will extend the duration of permit No. 0342057-001-JC, from December 21, 2021, to December 21, 2031, in conformance with Rule 62B-49.011(1) F.A.C. FWC will use this opportunity to update the wildlife protective conditions.

The Department has evaluated the current modification request and has found that constructing and enhancing the dune and berm within the project area is necessary to protect the shoreline and upland infrastructure. The Department also finds that including an additional sand source and changing the time period for physical monitoring surveys will increase the flexibility of the project and provide additional cost savings. Furthermore, the Department has determined that authorizing this dune construction will not increase the risk for significant adverse impacts. Therefore, the Department will revise the permit, the PMP, and drawings accordingly.

The entire permit shall be deleted and replaced with the language below (no strikethrough or underlines shall be used):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project is to conduct periodic beach and dune nourishment, covering 6.6 miles of shoreline. Fill material will be excavated from the offshore Borrow Area "F" or obtained from an upland source known as Honeyville Borrow Pit. The dune construction will occur in three different segments totaling approximately 10,300 feet. The dune will have a crest elevation of +12 feet North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) and a seaward slope of 1:3 (vertical: horizontal, V:H), at which point it flattens into a dune shelf at an elevation of +8 feet NAVD, with a seaward slope of 1:10 (V:H), and then flattens into the beach berm. The beach berm will descend from an elevation of +5.5 feet NAVD to +4.5 feet NAVD, and will have a foreshore

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slope of approximately 1:20 (V:H). There are three construction access points in the vicinity of R-83.5 (Dunes Drive), R-105 (Stumphole) and R-101.5.

The project also includes the construction of a dune along a segment of beach north of Rish Park (FEMA Berm) and the enhancement of the dune and berm along a segment of beach south of Rish Park (National Fish and Wildlife Federation [NFWF] Emergency Coastal Resilience). The NFWF dune enhancement will have a maximum elevation of +15 feet NAVD; with a dune crest width up to 20 feet; a landward dune slope of 1:3 (V:H); and a seaward dune slope of 1:8 (V:H). The FEMA Berm will have maximum elevation of +15 feet NAVD; a dune crest varying between 20 feet and 63 feet; a landward dune slope of 1:6 (V:H); and a seaward berm slope of 1:3 (V:H). Planting of dune vegetation is also authorized within the approved project template.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The nourishment sites extend from Department Range Monument R-70.5 to R-73.6 and R-74.8 to R-105.5. The nourishment segments are located in Sections 25 and 36, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, in Sections 1 and 12, Townships 9 South, Range 12 West, and in Sections 6, 7, 18, 19 and 20, Township 9 South, Range 11 West. Borrow area "F" is located approximately 1.5 miles offshore of R-55. The Honeyville upland borrow pit is located in Wewahitchka, in northern Gulf County. The project is located in Gulf County, within St. Joseph Peninsula Aquatic Preserve, which is classified as Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW).

PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATION:

This activity also requires a proprietary authorization, as the activity is located on sovereign submerged lands held in trust by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Board of Trustees), pursuant to Article X, Section 11 of the Florida Constitution, and Sections 253.002 and 253.77, F.S. The activity is not exempt from the need to obtain a proprietary authorization. The Board of Trustees delegated, to the Department, the responsibility to review and take final action on this request for proprietary authorization in accordance with Section 18-21.0051, F.A.C., and the Operating Agreements executed between the Department and the water management districts, as referenced in Chapter 62-113, F.A.C. This proprietary authorization has been reviewed in accordance with Chapter 253, F.S., Chapter 18-21 and Section 62-330.075, F.A.C., and the policies of the Board of Trustees.

The Department has determined that the beach nourishment activity and the borrow area activity (for no more than 5 years) both qualify for a Letter of Consent to use sovereign, submerged lands, as long as the work performed is located within the boundaries as described herein and is consistent with the terms and conditions herein. Therefore, consent is hereby granted, pursuant to Chapter 253.77, F.S., to perform the activity on the specified sovereign submerged lands.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT:

This permit constitutes a finding of consistency with Florida's Coastal Zone Management Program, as required by Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

This permit also constitutes certification of compliance with state water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341.

OTHER PERMITS:

Authorization from the Department does not relieve you from the responsibility of obtaining other permits (Federal, State or local) that may be required for the project.

AGENCY ACTION:

The above named Permittees are hereby authorized to construct the work that is outlined in the project description and project location of this permit and as shown on the approved permit drawings, plans and other documents attached hereto. This agency action is based on the information submitted to the Department as part of the permit application, and adherence with the final details of that proposal shall be a requirement of the permit. **This permit and authorization to use sovereign submerged lands are subject to the General Conditions, General Consent Conditions and Specific Conditions, which are a binding part of this permit and authorization.** Both the Permittees and their Contractors are responsible for reading and understanding this permit (including the permit conditions and the approved permit drawings) prior to commencing the authorized activities, and for ensuring that the work is conducted in conformance with all the terms, conditions and drawings.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. All activities authorized by this permit shall be implemented as set forth in the project description, permit drawings, plans and specifications approved as a part of this permit, and all conditions and requirements of this permit. The Permittee shall notify the Department in writing of any anticipated deviation from the permit prior to implementation so that the Department can determine whether a modification of the permit is required pursuant to Rule 62B-49.008, F.A.C.
2. If, for any reason, the Permittee does not comply with any condition or limitation specified in this permit, the Permittee shall immediately provide the Department and the appropriate District office of the Department with a written report containing the following information: a description of and cause of noncompliance; and the period of noncompliance, including dates and times; and, if not corrected, the anticipated time the noncompliance is expected to continue, and steps being taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.
3. This permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any other applicable licenses or permits that may be required by federal, state, local or special district laws and

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regulations. This permit is not a waiver or approval of any other Department permit or authorization that may be required for other aspects of the total project that are not addressed in this permit.

4. Pursuant to Sections 253.77 and 373.422, F.S., prior to conducting any works or other activities on state-owned submerged lands, or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees, the Permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.
5. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered specifically approved unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Section 373.421(2), F.S., provides otherwise.
6. This permit does not convey to the Permittee or create in the Permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the Permittee. The issuance of this permit does not convey any vested rights or any exclusive privileges.
7. This permit or a copy thereof, complete with all conditions, attachments, plans and specifications, modifications, and time extensions shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity. The Permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to commencement of the activity authorized by this permit.
8. The Permittee, by accepting this permit, specifically agrees to allow authorized Department personnel with proper identification and at reasonable times, access to the premises where the permitted activity is located or conducted for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the terms of the permit and with the rules of the Department and to have access to and copy any records that must be kept under conditions of the permit; to inspect the facility, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and to sample or monitor any substances or parameters at any location reasonably necessary to assure compliance with this permit or Department rules.
9. At least 48 hours prior to commencement of activity authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall electronically submit to the Department, by email at JCPCompliance@dep.state.fl.us, and the appropriate District office of the Department a written notice of commencement of construction indicating the actual start date and the expected completion date and an affirmative statement that the Permittee and the contractor, if one is to be used, have read the general and specific conditions of the permit and understand them.

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10. If any prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, shipwreck remains or anchors, dugout canoes or other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early Colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries. The Permittee, or other designee, shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section at (850)245-6333 or (800)847-7278, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S.
11. Within 30 days after completion of construction or completion of a subsequent maintenance event authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall electronically submit to the Department, by email at JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us, and the appropriate District office of the Department a written statement of completion and certification by a registered professional engineer. This certification shall state that all locations and elevations specified by the permit have been verified; the activities authorized by the permit have been performed in compliance with the plans and specifications approved as a part of the permit, and all conditions of the permit; or shall describe any deviations from the plans and specifications, and all conditions of the permit. When the completed activity differs substantially from the permitted plans, any substantial deviations shall be noted and explained on as-built drawings electronically submitted to the Department, by email at JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us.

GENERAL CONSENT CONDITIONS:

1. Authorizations are valid only for the specified activity or use. Any unauthorized deviation from the specified activity or use and the conditions for undertaking that activity or use shall constitute a violation. Violation of the authorization shall result in suspension or revocation of the grantee's use of the sovereignty submerged land unless cured to the satisfaction of the Board.
2. Authorizations convey no title to sovereignty submerged land or water column, nor do they constitute recognition or acknowledgment of any other person's title to such land or water.
3. Authorizations may be modified, suspended or revoked in accordance with their terms or the remedies provided in Sections 253.04 and 258.46, F.S., or Chapter 18-14, F.A.C.
4. Structures or activities shall be constructed and used to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to sovereignty submerged lands and resources.

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5. Construction, use or operation of the structure or activity shall not adversely affect any species that is endangered, threatened or of special concern, as listed in Rules 68A-27.003, 68A-27.004 and 68A-27.005, F.A.C.
6. Structures or activities shall not unreasonably interfere with riparian rights. When a court of competent jurisdiction determines that riparian rights have been unlawfully affected, the structure or activity shall be modified in accordance with the court's decision.
7. Structures or activities shall not create a navigational hazard.
8. Structures shall be maintained in a functional condition and shall be repaired or removed if they become dilapidated to such an extent that they are no longer functional. This shall not be construed to prohibit the repair or replacement subject to the provisions of Rule 18-21.005, F.A.C., within one year, of a structure damaged in a discrete event such as a storm, flood, accident or fire.
9. Structures or activities shall be constructed, operated and maintained solely for water dependent purposes, or for non-water dependent activities authorized under paragraph 18-21.004(1)(f), F.A.C., or any other applicable law.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

1. All reports or notices relating to this permit shall be electronically submitted to the Department's JCP Compliance Officer (e-mail address: JCPCompliance@dep.state.fl.us) unless otherwise specified in the specific conditions of this permit. If a file transfer site is used, a link shall be e-mailed to the JCP Compliance Officer. If data are too large to be submitted via e-mail or file transfer site, the Permittee may submit the data via an external hard drive, provided by the Permittee. The external hard drive shall be mailed to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection
Attn: JCP Compliance Officer
2600 Blair Stone Road, Mail Station 3566
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

2. The Permittee shall not store or stockpile tools, equipment, materials, etc., within littoral zones or elsewhere within surface waters of the state without prior written approval from the Department. Storage, stockpiling or access of equipment on, in, over or through beds of submerged aquatic vegetation, wetlands or hardbottom is prohibited unless it occurs within a work area or ingress/egress corridor that is specifically approved by this permit and is shown on the approved permit drawings.

3. The Permittee shall not conduct project operations or store project-related equipment in, on or over dunes, or otherwise impact dune vegetation, outside the approved staging, beach access and dune restoration areas designated in the permit drawings.
4. ***Pre-Construction Submittals.*** For each construction event under this permit, no work shall commence until the Permittee has satisfactorily submitted all information specified in this condition. At least 45 days prior to the commencement of construction, the Permittee shall submit the following items for review by the Department. Unless otherwise notified by the Department within 15 days of receipt of all information specified below, the Permittee shall assume the submittals are satisfactory:
 - a. An electronic copy of detailed ***final construction plans and specifications*** for all authorized activities. The plans and specifications must be consistent with the project description, conditions and approved drawings of this permit. These documents shall also be certified by a professional engineer (P.E.), who is registered in the State of Florida. The Permittee shall point out any deviations from the Project Description of this permit (as stated above) or the approved permit drawings (attached to this permit), and any significant changes that would require a permit modification. The plans and specifications shall include a description of the dredging and construction methods to be utilized, and drawings and surveys that show all biological resources and work spaces (e.g., anchoring areas, pipeline corridors, staging areas, boat access corridors, etc.) to be used for this project.
 - b. ***Turbidity monitoring.*** In order to assure that turbidity levels do not exceed the compliance standards established in this permit, construction at the project site shall be monitored closely by a qualified observer or measured if/as required by an independent third party with formal training in water quality monitoring and professional experience in turbidity monitoring for coastal construction projects. Also, an individual familiar with beach construction techniques and turbidity monitoring shall be present at all times when turbidity generating activities are occurring. This individual shall have authority to alter construction techniques or shut down the dredging or beach construction operations if turbidity levels exceed the compliance standards established in this permit.
 - i. ***Qualifications.*** The names, credentials (demonstrating experience and qualifications) and 24-hour contact information of those individuals performing these functions;
 - ii. A ***Scope of Work*** for the turbidity monitoring to ensure that the right equipment is available to conduct the monitoring correctly at any location, and under any conditions;

- iii. **Draft turbidity sampling map.** An example of the geo-referenced map that will be provided with turbidity reports, including aerial photography and the boundaries of biological resources and/or OFW (pursuant to Specific Condition 26).
- iv. Prior to the second event authorized under this permit, and each subsequent event, the results of the intermediate turbidity monitoring shall be evaluated and provided to the Department. If the results indicate that the project can be built using a smaller mixing zone, this adjustment shall be made through an administrative modification to the permit prior to commencement of construction.
- c. Documentation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) that this work will be covered under a Statewide Programmatic **Biological Opinion** or a Biological Opinions (BO) issued for construction on this project site. If the BO contains conditions that are not already contained herein, a permit modification may be required prior to construction to include those additional conditions.
- d. **Borrow Area Conservation Plan.** The finalized plan shall commit to the use of a hopper dredge only and confirm that the borrow area is designed for uniform, efficient cuts that maximize the beach compatible material to be dredged.
- e. Documentation confirming that the approved upland source is currently producing the quantity and quality of the authorized sand product required for the upcoming event.
- f. Prior to subsequent uses of the offshore borrow area, the Permittee shall provide documentation showing that a **Public Easement** has been executed to the satisfaction of the Department. *Note: the actual State Lands Authorization process will have occurred prior to the submission of the pre-construction submittals.*
- g. **Fish & Wildlife Monitoring Qualifications:** To ensure that individuals conducting monitoring of fish and wildlife resources have appropriate qualifications, the Permittee shall provide documentation demonstrating expertise/experience in surveying the types of resources that are present in the project. The Department and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will review this information for confirmation that the monitors are capable of meeting the requirements in the authorization. This documentation shall include the following:
 - i. **Marine Turtle Protection:** A list of the names and FWC permit numbers for the Marine Turtle Permit Holders.

- ii. *Shorebird Protection:* A list of Bird Monitors with their contact information, summary of qualifications including bird identification skills, and avian survey experience, proposed locations of shorebird survey routes, and the locations of travel routes.

- h. The Permittee/Contractor's Environmental Plan (EPP) shall include details of monitoring for nesting marine turtles and nesting seabirds and shorebirds (shorebirds) onsite during construction. The EPP shall be submitted for review and comment to the FWC prior to the pre-construction conference.

- i. **Pre-Construction Conference. After all items required by a through h above have been submitted to the Department,** the Permittee shall conduct a pre-construction conference to review the specific conditions and monitoring requirements of this permit with the Permittee's contractors, the engineer of record, those responsible for turbidity monitoring, those responsible for protected species monitoring, staff representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the JCP Compliance Officer (or designated alternate) prior to each construction event. In order to ensure that appropriate representatives are available, at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the intended commencement date for the permitted construction, the Permittee is advised to contact the Department, and the other agency representatives listed below:

DEP JCP Compliance Officer
e-mail: JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us

FWC Imperiled Species Management Section
email: marineturtle@myfwc.com

FWC Regional Biologist
See [Contact list](#) for phone numbers
(<http://myfwc.com/conservation/you-protect/conservation/shorebirds/contacts>)

The Permittee is also advised to schedule the pre-construction conference at least a week prior to the intended commencement date. At least seven (7) days in advance of the pre-construction conference, the Permittee shall provide written notification, advising the participants of the agreed-upon date, time and location of the meeting, and also provide a meeting agenda and a teleconference number.

If the actual construction start date is different from the expected start date proposed during the preconstruction conference, at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of each dredging event, the Permittee shall ensure that

notification is sent to the FWC indicating the actual start date and the expected completion date to marineturtle@myfwc.com. The Permittee shall also ensure that all contracted workers and observers are provided a copy of all permit conditions.

5. When discharging slurried sand onto the beach from a pipeline, the Permittee shall employ best management practices (BMPs) to reduce turbidity. At a minimum, these BMPs shall include the following:
 - a. Use of shore-parallel sand dike to promote settlement of suspended sediment on the beach before return water from the dredged discharge reenters the Gulf of Mexico; and;
 - b. A minimum set-back of 50 feet from open water, or at the landward end of the beach berm (without disturbing the dune), whichever is less, for the pipeline discharge location.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

6. **In-water Activity.** The Permittee shall adhere to the following requirements for all in- water activity:
 - a. The Permittee shall instruct all personnel associated with the project about the presence of marine turtles and manatees, and the need to avoid collisions with (and injury to) these protected marine species. The Permittee shall be responsible for harm to these resources and shall require their contractors to advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees or marine turtles, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Marine Turtle Protection Act and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.
 - b. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate project area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels shall follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
 - c. Siltation or turbidity barriers (if used) shall be made of material in which manatees and marine turtles cannot become entangled, shall be properly secured, and shall be regularly monitored to avoid manatee entanglement or entrapment. Barriers shall not impede manatee or marine turtle movement or travel.
 - d. The Permittee is responsible for all on-site project personnel and shall require them to observe water-related activities for the presence of marine turtles and manatee(s). All in-water operations shall be immediately shut down if a marine turtle or manatee comes within 50 feet of the operation. For

unanchored vessels, operators shall disengage the propeller and drift out of the potential impact zone. If drifting would jeopardize the safety of the vessel then idle speed may be used to leave the potential impact zone. Activities shall not resume until the animal(s) has moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the animal(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals shall not be herded away or harassed into leaving.

- e. Any collision with (or injury to) a marine turtle or manatee shall be reported immediately to the FWC Hotline at 1-888-404-3922, and to FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com. Any collision with (and/or injury to) a marine turtle shall also be reported immediately to the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) at SeaTurtleStranding@myfwc.com.
- f. Temporary signs concerning manatees shall be prominently posted prior to and during all in-water project activities, at sufficient locations to be regularly and easily viewed by all personnel engaged in water-related activities. Two temporary signs, which have already been approved for this use by the FWC, shall be posted at each location. One sign shall read "Caution Boaters – Watch for Manatees". A second sign measuring at least 8 ½" by 11", shall explain the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shutdown of in-water operations. All signs shall be removed by the Permittee upon completion of the project. These signs can be viewed at MyFWC.com/manatee. Questions concerning these signs can be sent to ImperiledSpecies@myfwc.com.

7. **Hopper Dredging.** If a hopper dredge is used for this project, the following requirements shall be met:

- a. Handling of captured marine turtles during hopper dredging activities shall be conducted only by persons with prior experience and training in these activities, and who are duly authorized to conduct such activities through a valid Marine Turtle Permit issued by the FWC, pursuant to Chapter 68E-1, F.A.C. The Permittee shall forward documentation of these qualifications to FWC for review, as required in Specific Condition 4.
- b. In order to minimize impingement or entrainment of marine turtles within the water column, dredging pumps shall be disengaged by the operator, or the draghead bypass valve shall be open and in use when the dragheads are not firmly on the bottom. This precaution is especially important during the cleanup phase of dredging operations.
- c. A state-of-the-art rigid deflector draghead shall always be used on all hopper dredges.

- d. The Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) Coordinator shall be notified of the start-up and completion of hopper dredging operations at 1-904-573-3930 or via e-mail at Allen.Foley@myfwc.com. If a marine turtle is captured or marine turtle parts are recovered, the STSSN shall be contacted at seaturtlestranding@myfwc.com.
8. **Trawling.** If relocation trawling or non-capture trawling for marine turtles is required as per applicable NMFS Biological Opinions and Incidental Take authorizations, the following is required:
 - a. Any activity involving the use of nets to harass and/or to capture and handle marine turtles in Florida waters requires a Marine Turtle Permit from FWC prior to trawling.
 - b. The Permittee or their contractor shall e-mail (MTP@MyFWC.com) reports to the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section on Friday of each week that trawling is conducted in Florida waters. These weekly reports shall include the species and number of turtles captured, their general health, and release information. A summary of all trawling activity (including non-capture trawling) shall be submitted to MTP@myfwc.com by January 15 of the following year, or at the end of the project. The summary shall be recorded/documented on the FWC-provided Excel spreadsheet (available at <http://myfwc.com/media/33168/Trawl-Report-Template.pdf>), and shall list all turtles captured in Florida waters, the measurements of all captured turtles, the location of captures (latitude and longitude in decimal degrees), the location of tow start-stop points (latitude and longitude in decimal degrees), and times for the start-stop points of the tows (including tows when no turtles are captured).
9. **Construction Area Project Lighting. No temporary lighting of the construction area is authorized at any time during the main portion of marine turtle nesting season (June 1 through September 30).** During early and late nesting season, direct lighting of the beach and nearshore waters shall be limited to the immediate area of active construction.
10. Lighting on offshore and onshore equipment during early and late nesting season shall be minimized by reducing the number of fixtures, shielding, lowering the height and appropriately placing fixtures to avoid excessive illumination of the water's surface and nesting beach. The intensity of lighting shall be reduced to the minimum standard required for general construction area safety. Shields shall be affixed to the light housing on dredge and on land-based lights and shall be large enough to block lamp light from being transmitted outside the construction area or to the adjacent marine turtle nesting beach. (Figure 1 below).

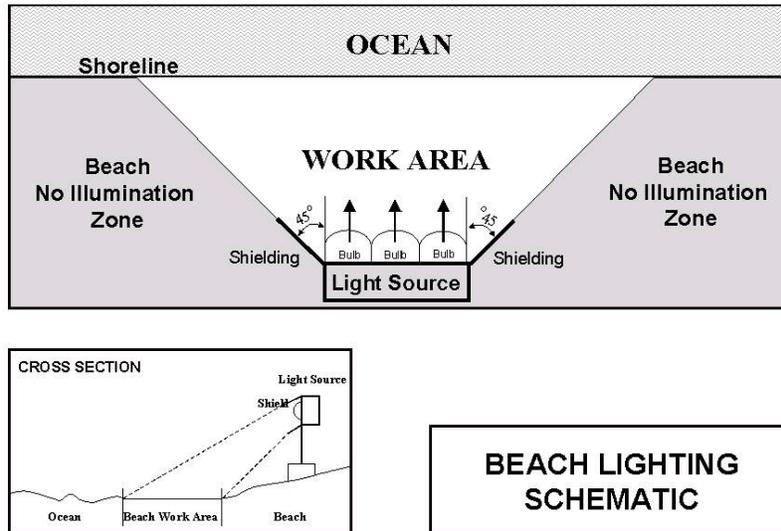


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11. **Wildlife Conditions for All Beach Related Activities.** The Permittee shall adhere to the following requirements for all beach-related activities during marine turtle and shorebird nesting/breeding seasons **February 15 through October 31**.
 - a. *Beach Maintenance.* The Permittee shall require their contractor and protected species monitors to inspect all work areas that have excavations and temporary alterations of beach topography each day, to determine which areas have deviations (such as depressions, ruts, holes and vehicle tracks) capable of trapping flightless shorebird chicks or marine turtle hatchlings. If so, the deviations shall be filled or leveled from the natural beach profile prior to 9:00 p.m. each day. The beach surface shall also be inspected subsequent to completion of the project, and all tracks, mounds, ridges or impressions, etc. left by construction equipment on the beach shall be smoothed and leveled.
 - b. All *debris*, including derelict construction or coastal armoring material, concrete and metal, found on the beach placement site, shall be removed from the beach to the maximum extent practicable prior to any placement of fill material. If debris removal activities will take place during protected species nesting seasons, the work shall be conducted during daylight hours only, and shall not commence until completion of daily monitoring surveys.
 - c. *Equipment Storage and Placement.* Staging areas and temporary storage for

construction equipment and pipes shall be located off the beach to the maximum extent practicable. Nighttime storage of construction equipment that is not in use shall be located off the beach. If staging and storage areas off the beach are not possible, then additional marine turtle and shorebird protective measures shall be implemented. Such protective measures shall be determined in coordination with the Department and FWC prior to beginning of construction. All construction pipes that are in use on the beach shall be located as far landward as possible without compromising the integrity of the existing or reconstructed dune system. Pipes placed parallel to the dune shall be 5 to 10 feet away from the toe of the dune. If it is necessary to extend construction pipes past a known shorebird nesting site, then those pipes shall be placed landward of the site before birds are active in that area. No pipe or sand shall be placed seaward of a shorebird nesting site during the shorebird nesting season. If such placement is not feasible for the project, FWC's Regional Biologist shall be contacted for alternative measures. See contacts available at <http://myfwc.com/conservation/you- conserve/wildlife/shorebirds/contacts>.

- d. *Beach Driving.* All vehicles operated on the beach shall operate in accordance with the FWC's Best Management Practices for Operating Vehicles on the Beach (<http://myfwc.com/conservation/you- conserve/wildlife/beach-driving/>). Specifically, the vehicle shall be operated at speeds less than 6 mph and run at or below the high-tide line. All personnel associated with the project shall be instructed about the potential presence of protected species, and the need to avoid injury and disturbance to these species. *Note: when flightless chicks are present within or adjacent to travel corridors, construction-related vehicles shall not be driven through the corridor unless a Bird Monitor is present pursuant to Specific Condition 21.*

12. **Marine Turtle Protection Conditions.** Construction-related activities are authorized to occur on the nesting beach (sandy beach seaward of existing coastal armoring structures or dune crest and all areas used for beach access), commencing after September 30 and completed before June 1, which is outside of the main part of marine turtle nesting season (June 1 through September 30). Construction-related activities may occur during the early nesting season (April 15- May 31) and late nesting season, (October 1 through October 31) under the following conditions:

- a. Daily early morning marine turtle nest surveys shall start at the beginning of marine turtle nesting season (April 15) or 65 days prior to beach placement whichever is later. Daily nesting surveys shall continue through November 30, or until two weeks after the last crawl in the project area, whichever is earlier.
- b. Daily nesting surveys shall be conducted beginning ½ hour prior to sunrise, and no construction activity may commence until completion of the marine

turtle survey each day.

- c. The Permittee shall ensure that marine turtle nesting surveys are conducted as required in this authorization, and only conducted by personnel with a valid FWC Marine Turtle Permit, that covers all project activities as required by Chapter 68E-1, F.A.C. For information on the authorized Marine Turtle Permit Holders in the project area, contact FWC at MTP@myfwc.com.
 - d. Only those nests laid in the area where sand placement will occur shall be relocated, and nest relocation shall cease after the sand placement is completed. Nests requiring relocation shall be moved no later than 9 a.m., the morning following deposition (no longer than 12 hours from the time the eggs are laid), to a nearby self-release beach site in a secure setting, where artificial lighting will not interfere with hatchling orientation. The relocation site shall be determined in conjunction with and approved by FWC prior to nest relocations. Relocated nests shall not be placed in organized groupings. Relocated nests shall be randomly staggered along the length and width of beach settings that are not expected to experience any of the following: inundation by high tides; severe erosion; previous egg loss; or illumination by artificial lighting.
 - e. Nests deposited within areas where construction activities will not occur for 65 days, or nests laid in the nourished berm prior to tilling, shall be marked and left in place. The Marine Turtle Permit Holder shall install on-beach markers at the nest site to establish a minimum 5-foot radius around the approximate clutch location and shall also install a secondary marker at a point as far landward as possible to assure that the nest can be located should the on-beach marker be lost. No activity shall occur within the marked area, nor shall any activities occur that could result in impacts to the nest. Nest sites shall be inspected daily to assure nest markers remain in place and the nest has not been disturbed by the project activity.
13. **Fill Restrictions.** During the marine turtle nesting season, the contractor shall not advance the beach fill more than 500 feet along the shoreline between dusk and the following day, until the daily nesting survey is completed, and the beach has been cleared for fill advancement. If the 500-foot advancement limitation is not feasible for the project, an alternative distance shall be established during the preconstruction meeting, if a distance can be agreed upon in consultation with FWC. If the work area is extended, nighttime nesting surveys are required, and a Marine Turtle Permit Holder is required to be present on-site to ensure that no nesting and hatching marine turtles are present. If any nesting turtles are sighted on the beach within the immediate construction area, activities shall cease immediately until the turtle has returned to the water and the Marine Turtle Permit Holder responsible for nest monitoring has relocated the nest.

14. **Marine Turtle or Nest Encounters.** Upon locating a dead or injured marine turtle adult, hatchling, or egg that may have been harmed or destroyed as a result of the project, the Permittee shall be responsible for notifying FWC Wildlife Alert at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922). Care shall be taken in handling injured marine turtles or exposed eggs to ensure effective treatment or disposition, and in handling dead specimens to preserve biological materials for later analysis. If a marine turtle nest is excavated during construction activities, but not as part of the authorized nest relocation process outlined in these specific conditions, the permitted person responsible for egg relocation for the project shall be notified immediately so the eggs can be moved to a suitable relocation site.

15. **Tilling, Compaction and Escarpment Remediation Requirements.** For the years after the first-year sand placement (out-year), compaction monitoring, tilling and escarpment monitoring are not required if placed material no longer remains on the dry beach.
 - a. **Compaction Sampling.** Sand compaction shall be monitored in the area of sand 24 inches good placement immediately after completion of the nourishment event, and two weeks prior to the beginning of marine turtle nesting season, for three (3) subsequent years. The requirement for compaction monitoring may be eliminated if the placed sand is tilled, regardless of post-construction compaction levels. If the average value for any depth exceeds 500 pounds per square inch (psi) for any two or more adjacent stations, then that area shall be tilled prior to the beginning of marine turtle nesting season. If a few values exceeding 500 psi are present randomly within the project area, tilling will not be required. Compaction monitoring shall be in accordance with the following protocol:
 - i. Compaction sampling stations shall be located at 500-foot intervals along the project area. One station shall be at the seaward edge of the dune/bulkhead line (when material is placed in this area), and one station shall be midway between the dune line and the high-water line (normal wrack line).
 - ii. At each station, the cone penetrometer shall be pushed to depths of 6, 12 and 18 inches three times (i.e., three replicates at each depth). Material may be removed from the hole if necessary to ensure accurate readings of successive levels of sediment. The penetrometer may need to be reset between pushes, especially if sediment layering exists. Layers of highly compact material may lie over less compact layers. Replicates shall be located as close to each other as possible, without interacting with the previous hole and/or disturbed sediments. The three replicate compaction values for each depth shall be averaged to produce final values for each depth at each station. Reports shall

include all 18 values for each transect line, and the final 6 averaged compaction values.

iii. If values exceeding 500 psi are distributed throughout the project area, but in no case do those values exist at two adjacent stations at the same depth, then the Permittee shall consult with the FWC to determine if tilling is required. A request for a tilling waiver based on these compaction values shall be submitted to the FWC at marineturtle@myfwc.com.

b. **Tilling Requirements.** If tilling is performed regardless of post-construction compaction levels or tilling is required based on compaction measurements, the area shall be tilled to a depth of 24 inches. Tilling shall be in accordance with the following protocol:

i. All tilling activity shall be completed prior to the marine turtle nesting season. If the project is completed during the marine turtle nesting season, tilling shall not be performed in areas where nests have been left in place or relocated.

ii. A relatively even surface, with no deep ruts or furrows, shall be created during tilling. To do this, chain-linked fencing or other material shall be dragged over those areas as necessary after tilling. Each pass of the tilling equipment shall be overlapped to allow thorough and even tilling.

iii. Tilling shall occur landward of the wrack line and shall avoid all naturally vegetated areas that are at least 3 square feet in size, as well as any planted areas that have been authorized by the Department. A 3-foot-wide No-Tilling buffer shall be maintained around vegetated areas. The slope between the mean high-water line and the mean low water line shall be maintained to approximate natural slopes.

iv. No tilling shall occur within 300 feet of any shorebird nest. No tilling shall occur between the R-85.5 to R-89.5 (Billy J. Rish Recreation Park) due to the high density of snowy plover nesting.

v. If flightless shorebird young are present within the work zone or equipment travel corridor, a Bird Monitor shall be present during the operation to ensure that equipment does not operate within 300 feet of the flightless young.

c. **Escarpment Surveys.** Visual surveys for escarpments along the project area shall be made immediately after completion of sand placement, within 30 days prior to April 15 and weekly throughout the marine turtle season for three (3) subsequent years, each year placed sand remains on the dry beach. Escarpment remediation shall be as follows:

- i. Prior to marine turtle nesting season, escarpments that interfere with marine turtle nesting or that exceed 18 inches in height for a distance of at least 100 feet shall be leveled to the natural beach contour or the beach profile shall be reconfigured to minimize scarp formation. Any escarpment removal shall be reported relative to R- monument location to FWC at marineturtle@myfwc.com, with a copy sent to the JCP Compliance Officer.
- ii. If weekly surveys during the marine turtle nesting season document escarpments that exceed 18 inches in height for a distance of at least 100 feet and have persisted for more than two weeks, the FWC shall be contacted immediately to determine the appropriate action to be taken. The Permittee shall provide locations and measurements of the escarpments to the closest R monument as well as the coordinates for the location of marine turtle nests located within 20 feet of the escarpments (latitude and longitude in decimal degrees), with photographs when possible. Upon written notification by FWC that the escarpment needs to be leveled, the Permittee shall level the escarpment. If nests are located nearby, to minimize impacts to any existing nest the Permittee shall also coordinate with the marine turtle permit holder prior to leveling the escarpments. An annual summary of escarpment surveys and actions taken shall be submitted electronically to FWC (marineturtle@myfwc.com) by December 31 of each year.

Note for Shorebird Protection: If compaction sampling, tilling or escarpment removal occurs during shorebird breeding season, the Shorebird Conditions (including surveys) included in this authorization shall be followed. No heavy equipment shall operate, and no compaction sampling or tilling shall occur within 300 feet of any shorebird nest. If flightless shorebird chicks are present within the work zone or equipment travel corridor, a Bird Monitor shall be present during the operation to ensure that no heavy equipment operates within 300 feet of the flightless young or within a site-specific corridor established per Specific Condition 21. It is the responsibility of the Permittee to ensure that their contractors avoid tilling, scarp removal or dune vegetation planting in areas where nesting birds are present.

16. **Post-Construction Lighting Surveys.** The Permittee shall ensure that lighting surveys be conducted from the nourished berm and the following actions taken to address potential adverse impacts expected with artificial lights visible from any dry portion of the newly elevated beach. The surveys shall be conducted from the top of the foreshore slope (i.e., the seaward edge of the filled berm before it slopes into the water), facing landward. The survey shall follow standard techniques for such a survey, such as including the number and type of visible lights, location of lights, and photo documentation (see additional techniques as per the 2015 USFWS Statewide

Programmatic Biological Opinion).

- a. The first survey shall be conducted between May 1 and May 15 for the first nesting season following construction. For each visible light source, the Permittee shall document that the property owners have been notified and has been provided with recommendations for correcting the light as soon as possible. Recommendations shall be in accordance with local lighting ordinances. A report summarizing all visible lights and the recommendations for correcting the light shall be forwarded to local code enforcement. If no lighting ordinances exist, the recommendations to the property owners shall be consistent with FWC lighting guidelines, which include no lights or light sources shall be visible from the newly elevated beach. The second survey shall be conducted between July 15 and August 1 to assess any remaining visible lights requiring corrective action.
- b. A summary report of the surveys and what corrective actions or local enforcement actions have been taken shall be submitted to FWC at marineturtle@myfwc.com and copied to JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us by December 31 of the year in which surveys are conducted. Upon request by the FWC, the Permittee shall set up and hold a meeting with the those responsible for code enforcement (when applicable), FWC and the USFWS to discuss the report and potential additional corrective action needed, as well as any documented marine turtle disorientations in or adjacent to the project area.

17. Post-Construction Monitoring and Reporting Marine Turtle Protection Conditions

- a. For each sand placement event, reports for all required marine turtle nesting surveys shall be provided for the post construction (partial or remaining) nesting season and for two full nesting seasons post construction in accordance with the Table 1 (below). If nesting and reproductive success is less than the criteria in the table below, an additional year of monitoring and reporting may be required. If criteria is not met, additional conditions prior to the next sand placement on this beach may be required by the Department and FWC.
- b. Data shall be reported and summarized for the nourished areas and reference beach in accordance with Table 1 (below). Reports shall summarize all crawl activity, hatching success of a representative sampling of nests left in place (if any) by species, project name and applicable project permit numbers and dates of construction. Data on nesting activity on the nourished areas and on an equal length of beach that is not nourished shall be submitted in electronic format (Excel spreadsheets) which are available upon request from marineturtle@myfwc.com. Reports shall be sent to the

FWC Imperiled Species Management section at marineturtle@myfwc.com
 and copied to JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us. All summaries should be
 submitted by January 15th of the following year.

Table 1. Marine Turtle Monitoring for Beach Placement of Material

Metric	Duration	Variable	Criterion
Nesting Success	Year of in-season construction and two entire nesting seasons post construction, with possible additional year ^{1 & 2}	Number of nests and non-nesting emergences by day by species	40 percent or greater
Hatching success	Year of in-season construction and one entire nesting season post construction, with possible additional year ^{1 & 2}	Number of hatchlings by species to hatch from egg	60 percent or greater (a statistically valid number of loggerhead and green nests, and all leatherback nests)
Emergence Success	Year of in-season construction and one entire nesting season post construction, with possible additional year ^{1 & 2}	Number of hatchlings by species to emerge from nest onto beach	Average must not be significantly different than the average hatching success
Disorientations	Year of in-season construction and two entire nesting seasons post construction ¹	Number of nests and/or individuals that misorient or disorient	
Nests affected by erosion or inundation	Year of construction and two years post construction if placed sand remains on the beach	Number of nests lost and/or affected, by species	

Lighting Surveys	Two in-season surveys the year following construction; First survey between May 1 and May 15 and second survey between July 15 and August 1 ¹	Number, location and photographs of lights visible from nourished berm, corrective actions recommended, and notifications made	Lighting survey and possible meeting resulting with plan for reduction in lights visible from nourished berm
Compaction	Three nesting seasons beginning with the year of construction. Not required if the beach is tilled prior to nesting season ¹	Shear resistance	Less than 500 psi
Escarpment Surveys	Weekly during nesting season for three years beginning with year of construction ¹	Number of scarps 18 inches or greater extending for more than 100 feet that persist for more than 2 weeks	Successful remediation of all persistent scarps as needed
¹ If placed sand remains on the beach ² Additional years may be required if variable does not meet criterion based on previous year			

18. **Shorebird Protection.** The term “shorebird” is used here to refer to all solitary nesting shorebirds and colonial nesting seabirds that nest on Florida’s beaches. These conditions are intended to avoid direct impacts associated with the construction of the project and may not address all potential take incidental to the operation and use related to this authorization. The Permittee shall adhere to the shorebird protection conditions during the shorebird breeding cycle, which includes nesting.
- a. Shorebird breeding season dates for this project area are **February 15 through September 1** (note that while most species have completed the breeding cycle by September 1, flightless young may be present through September and must be protected if present).
 - b. Any parts of the project where “project activities” on the beach take place *entirely outside the breeding season*, do not require shorebird surveys. The term

“project activities” includes operation of vehicles on the beach, movement or storage of equipment on the beach, sand placement or sand removal, and other similar activities that may harm or disturb shorebirds. Bird survey routes must be established and monitored throughout the entire breeding season in any parts of the project area where: 1) potential shorebird breeding habitat occurs, and 2) project activities are expected to occur at any time within the breeding season. Breeding season surveys shall begin on the first day of the breeding season or 10 days prior to project commencement (including survey activities and other pre-construction presence on the beach), whichever is later.

- c. Bird surveys shall be conducted in all potential beach-nesting bird habitats within the project boundaries that may be impacted by construction or pre-construction activities. One or more shorebird survey routes shall be established by the Permittee to cover project areas which require shorebird surveys. These routes shall be determined in coordination with the FWC Regional Biologist prior to the initiation of construction. Routes shall not be modified without prior notification to FWC.
- d. During the pre-construction and construction activities associated with the project, the Permittee shall ensure that surveys for detecting breeding activity and the presence of flightless chicks shall be completed **on a daily basis** by a qualified bird monitor. This shall be completed prior to movement of equipment, operation of vehicles, or other activities that could potentially disrupt breeding behavior or cause harm to the birds or their eggs or young. If all project activities are completed and all personnel and equipment have been removed from the beach prior to the end of the breeding season, route surveys shall continue to be conducted at least weekly through the end of the breeding season. If breeding or nesting behavior is confirmed by the presence of a scrape, eggs or young, the Permittee (or their designee) shall establish a 300-foot buffer around the site and shall notify the FWC Regional Biologist within 24 hours. The posts and materials for the shorebird buffer zones shall be removed once all breeding or nesting behavior has ceased.
- e. The Permittee shall require the Bird Monitor to conduct a shorebird education and identification program (and/or provide educational materials) with the on-site staff to ensure protection of precocial (mobile) chicks. All personnel are responsible for watching for shorebirds, nests, eggs and chicks. If the Bird Monitor finds that shorebirds are breeding within the project area, the Permittee shall place and maintain a bulletin board in the construction staging area with the location map of the construction site showing the bird breeding areas and a warning, clearly visible, stating that “NESTING BIRDS ARE PROTECTED BY LAW INCLUDING THE FLORIDA ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES ACT AND THE STATE and FEDERAL

MIGRATORY BIRD ACTS”.

19. Shorebird Monitor Requirements.

- a. The Permittee shall ensure that nesting and breeding shorebird surveys are conducted by trained, dedicated individuals (Bird Monitors) with proven shorebird identification skills and avian survey experience.
- b. Bird Monitor(s) shall be required to review and become familiar with the general information, employ the data collection protocol, and implement data entry procedures outlined on the FWC’s FSD website (<http://www.flshorebirddatabase.org> or [Florida Shorebird Database](#)). They shall use the data-collection protocol and implement data entry procedures as outlined in that website.
- c. The Permittee shall submit a list of Bird Monitors, with their contact information and a summary of qualifications, including bird identification skills and avian survey experience to the FWC Regional Biologist and JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us, prior to any construction or shorebird surveys. The determination that the selected Bird Monitor(s) meet the required qualifications shall be coordinated between the Permittee and the FWC Regional Biologist. Once approved, the Permittee shall submit the names and contact information of the Bird Monitor(s) who have been approved by FWC to JCPCCompliance@dep.state.fl.us, prior to any construction or shorebird surveys. The Bird Monitor(s) shall meet the following minimum qualifications:
 - i. Has previously participated in beach-nesting shorebird surveys in Florida (provide references or resume). Experience with previous projects must document the ability to 1) identify all species of beach-nesting birds by sight and sound, 2) identify breeding/territorial behaviors, and find nests of shorebirds that occur in the project area, and 3) identify habitats preferred by shorebirds nesting in the project area.
 - ii. Have a clear working knowledge of, and adhere to, the *Breeding Bird Protocol for Florida’s Seabirds and Shorebirds*.
<https://publictemp.myfwc.com/crossdoi/shorebirds/resources.aspx>
 - iii. Have completed full-length webinars: Route-Surveyor Training and Rooftop Monitoring Training, including the annual refresher training. Training resources can be found on the *Florida Shorebird Database* (FSD) website.
<https://publictemp.myfwc.com/crossdoi/shorebirds/index.aspx>

- iv. Familiar with FWC beach driving guidelines.
[\(https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-serve/wildlife/beach-driving/\)](https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-serve/wildlife/beach-driving/).
- v. Experience posting beach-nesting bird sites, consistent with *Florida Shorebird Alliance (FSA) Guidelines*.
<http://flshorebirdalliance.org/resources/instructions-manuals.aspx>
- vi. Has registered as a contributor to the FSD.

20. **Shorebird Survey Protocols.** Bird survey protocols, including downloadable field data sheets, are available on the [FSD website](#). All breeding activity shall be reported to the FSD website within one week of data collection. If the use of this website is not feasible for data collection, the FWC Regional Biologist shall be contacted for alternative methods of reporting. The Permittee shall ensure that the Bird Monitors use the following survey protocols:

- a. Surveys shall be conducted by walking the length of all survey routes and visually surveying for the presence of shorebirds exhibiting breeding behavior, shorebird chicks or shorebird juveniles, as outlined in the FSD Breeding Bird Protocol for Shorebirds and Seabirds. Use of binoculars (minimum 8x40) is required and use of a spotting scope may be necessary to accurately survey the area. If an ATV or other vehicle is needed to cover large survey routes, the Bird Monitor shall stop at intervals of no greater than 600 feet to visually inspect for breeding activity.
- b. Once breeding or nesting behavior is confirmed by the presence of a scrape, eggs or young, the Permittee (or their designee) shall notify the FWC Regional Biologist within 24 hours.

21. **Shorebird Buffer Zones and Travel Corridors.** The Permittee shall require the Bird Monitor(s) and Contractor(s) to meet the following:

- a. The Bird Monitor(s) shall establish a disturbance-free buffer zone around any location within the project area where the Bird Monitor has observed shorebirds engaged in breeding behavior, including territory defense. A 300-foot buffer shall be established around each nest or around the perimeter of each colonial nesting area. A 300-foot buffer shall also be placed around the perimeter of areas where shorebirds are seen digging nest scrapes or defending nest territories. All construction activities, movement of vehicles, stockpiling of equipment, and pedestrian traffic are prohibited in the buffer zone. **Smaller, site-specific buffers may be established if approved in writing by the FWC Regional Biologist.** Travel corridors shall be designated and marked outside the buffer areas for pedestrian, equipment or vehicular traffic.

- b. The Bird Monitor(s) shall keep breeding sites under sufficient surveillance to determine if birds appear agitated or disturbed by construction or other activities in adjacent areas. If birds appear to be agitated or disturbed by these activities, then the Bird Monitor(s) shall immediately widen the buffer zone to a sufficient size to protect breeding birds.
- c. The Bird Monitor(s) shall ensure that reasonable and traditional pedestrian access is not blocked in situations where breeding birds will tolerate pedestrian traffic. This is generally the case with lateral movement of beach-goers walking parallel to the beach at or below the highest tide line. Pedestrian traffic may also be allowed when breeding was initiated within 300 feet of an established beach access pathway. The Bird Monitor(s) shall work with the FWC Regional Species Conservation Biologist to determine if pedestrian access can be accommodated without compromising nesting success. These site-specific buffers must be determined in coordination with the FWC Regional Biologist.
- d. The Bird Monitor(s) shall ensure that the perimeters of designated buffer zones shall be marked according to FSA Posting Guidelines available at: <http://flshorebirdalliance.org/resources/instructions-manuals.aspx>) with posts, twine and FWC-approved signs stating “Do Not Enter, Important Nesting Area” or similar language around the perimeter (see example of signage for marking designated buffer zones at <http://myfwc.com/conservation/you-protect/wildlife/shorebirds/>). Posts shall not exceed 3 feet in height once installed. Symbolic fencing (twine, string or rope) should be placed between all posts at least 2.5 feet above the ground and rendered clearly visible to pedestrians. If pedestrian pathway and/or equipment travel corridor modifications are approved by the FWC Regional Biologist, these shall be clearly marked. **Posting shall be maintained in good repair until no active nests, eggs, or flightless young are present.** Although solitary nesters may leave the buffer zone temporarily with their chicks, the posted area continues to provide a potential refuge for the family until breeding is complete. Breeding is not considered to be completed until all chicks have fledged.
- e. The Permittee shall ensure that no construction activities, pedestrians, moving vehicles, or stockpiled equipment are allowed within the buffer area.
- f. The Permittee shall ensure that the Bird Monitor(s) designate and mark travel corridors outside the buffer areas so as not to cause disturbance to breeding birds. Heavy equipment, other vehicles, or pedestrians may transit past breeding areas in these corridors. However, other activities such as stopping or turning heavy equipment and vehicles shall be prohibited within the designated travel corridors adjacent to the breeding site.

- g. When flightless chicks are present within or adjacent to travel corridors, construction related vehicles shall not be driven through the corridor unless a Bird Monitor is present to adequately monitor the travel corridor. The Permittee shall require the contractor with the oversight of the Bird Monitor(s) to avoid any chicks that may be in the path of moving vehicles. The Permittee shall also require the contractor with the oversight of the Bird Monitor(s) to level any tracks, ruts, or holes that may be capable of trapping flightless chicks, while avoiding any impacts to the chicks.
- h. *Notification.* Any injury or death of a shorebird (including crushing eggs or young) resulting from project activities shall be reported immediately to the FWC Regional Biologist.

22. Beach Mice Protection.

- a. Beach mouse habitat shall be avoided when selecting sites for equipment, pipes, vehicle storage and staging to the maximum extent practicable. Suitable beach mouse habitat constitutes the primary dunes (characterized by sea and other grasses), secondary dunes (similar to primary dunes, but also frequently includes such plants as woody goldenrod, false rosemary), and interior or scrub dunes, as well as areas with natural vegetation adjacent to the dunes (seaward of the toe of the dune, in blow-outs, or other openings between dunes).
- b. Equipment placement or storage shall be excluded in the area between 5 to 10 feet seaward of the existing dune toe or 10 percent of the beach width (for projects occurring on narrow eroded beach segments) seaward of the dune toe in areas of occupied beach mouse habitat (Figure 3). The toe of the dune is where the slope breaks at the seaward foot of the dune.

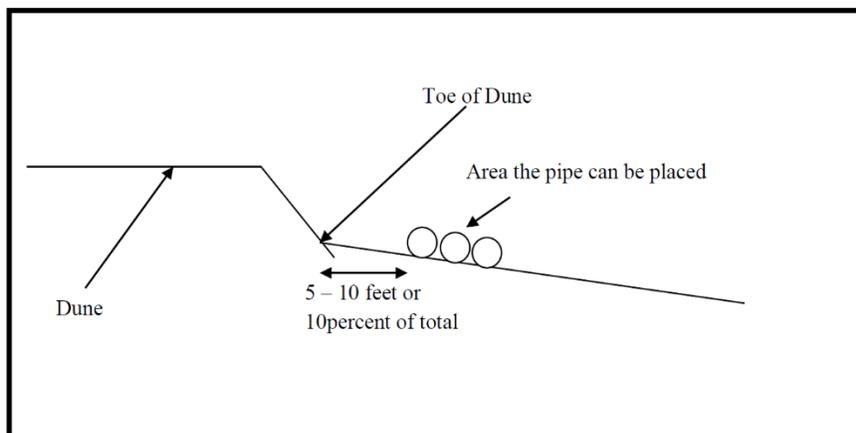


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- c. Existing beach access points shall be used for vehicle and equipment beach access to the maximum extent practicable. These accesses shall be delineated by post and rope or other suitable material to ensure vehicles and equipment transport stay within the access corridor. The topography at the accesses shall be fully restored to pre-project work configuration following project completion. Parking areas for construction crews shall be located as close as possible to the work sites, but outside of vegetated dunes to minimize impacts to existing habitat and the need to transport workers along the beachfront. The creation of new or expansion of existing beach accesses for vehicles and equipment within beach mouse habitat consisting of vegetated dunes is authorized for no more than one every 4 miles. The distribution of access areas will result in the least number of access areas within beach mouse habitat as practicable and delineated by post and rope or other suitable material to ensure vehicles and equipment transport stay within the access corridor. The access points shall be as follows:
 - i. No more than 25 feet wide for vehicles.
 - ii. No more than 50 feet wide for equipment.
 - d. New or expanded beach accesses that impact vegetated dunes shall be replanted within 3 months following project completion. The habitat restoration shall consist of restoring the dune topography and planting with at least three species of appropriate native dune vegetation (i.e., native to coastal dunes in the respective county and grown from plant stock from that region of Florida). Seedlings shall be at least 1 inch by 1 inch with a 2.5-inch pot. Planting shall be on 18-inch centers throughout the created dune; however, 24-inch centers may be acceptable depending on the area to be planted. Vegetation shall be planted with an appropriate amount of fertilizer and anti-desiccant material, as appropriate, for the plant size. No sand stabilizer material (coconut matting or other material) shall be used in the dune restoration. The plants may be watered without installing an irrigation system. In order for the restoration to be considered successful, 80 percent of the total planted vegetation shall be documented to survive six months following planting of vegetation. If the habitat restoration is unsuccessful, the area shall be replanted following coordination with the Service.
23. **Dune Planting Conditions.** Planting of dune vegetation is encouraged outside of marine turtle nesting season. However, planting activities may occur during the marine turtle nesting season May 1 through October 31 under the following conditions:
- a. It is the responsibility of the Permittee to ensure that the project area and access sites are surveyed for marine turtle nesting activity. All nest surveys and

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activities involving marine turtles shall be conducted only by persons with a valid FWC permit issued pursuant to Florida Administrative Code 68E-1. For information regarding marine turtle permit holders, contact the FWC at MTP@myfwc.com.

- b. Marine turtle nest surveys shall be initiated at the beginning of the nesting season or 65 days prior to installation of plants (whichever is later). Surveys shall continue until completion of the project or through October 31 (whichever is earliest). Surveys shall be conducted throughout the project area and all beach access sites.
- c. Any nests deposited in the area shall be left in place. The marine turtle permit holder shall install an on-beach marker at any nest site and a secondary marker located at a point as far landward as possible to ensure that future location of the nest will be possible should the on-beach marker be lost. A series of stakes and survey ribbon or string shall be installed to establish an area of 3 feet radius surrounding the nest. No planting or other activity shall occur within this area nor shall any activity occur which might cause indirect impacts within this area. Nest sites shall be inspected daily to ensure nest markers have not been removed.
- d. The use of heavy equipment (including vehicles such as trucks) is not authorized in marine turtle nesting habitat. A lightweight (ATV style) vehicle, with tire pressures of 10 p.s.i. or less can operate on the beach if required.
- e. Any vegetation planting shall be installed by hand labor/tools only. For more information on the Florida Panhandle coastal dune systems and specific information on coastal dune restoration and restoration enhancement activities please consult <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/sg/sg15600.pdf>.
- f. All activity shall be confined to daylight hours and shall not occur prior to the completion of all necessary marine turtle surveys and conservation activities within the project area. Nighttime storage of equipment or materials shall be off the beach.
- g. In the event a nest is disturbed or uncovered during planting activity, the Permittee shall cease all work and immediately contact the marine turtle permit holder responsible for marine turtle conservation measures within the project area. If a nest(s) cannot be safely avoided during construction, all activity within the affected project area shall be delayed until complete hatching and emergence of the nest.
- h. All planting related activities must avoid marked marine turtle nests including those that may be on the beach before and after the marine turtle nesting season

dates (May 1 through October 31). Any impacts to nests or marine turtles that inadvertently occur shall be immediately reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at MarineTurtle@myfwc.com, and all work shall stop until authorized to continue by the Department and FWC.

- i. All irrigation lines for the dune restoration planting, if proposed, will be temporarily installed along the landward side of the dune only and will be removed once the plants have become established. Any watering necessary along the seaward side of the dune will be done by hand on an “as needed” basis.

MONITORING REQUIRED

24. Water Quality - Turbidity shall be monitored as follows:

Units: Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs).

Frequency: Monitoring for a hopper dredge shall be conducted for each hopper dredge load during daylight hours. At the dredge site, sampling shall be conducted after overflow from the hopper begins and the associated turbidity plume has reached the edge of the mixing zone. At the fill placement site, sampling shall be conducted after discharge from the hopper begins and the associated turbidity plume has reached the edge of the mixing zone. Sampling shall be conducted **while the highest project-related turbidity levels are crossing the edge of the mixing zone**. Since turbidity levels can be related to pumping rates, the dredge pumping rates shall be recorded, and provided to the Department upon request. The compliance samples and the corresponding background samples shall be collected at approximately the same time, i.e., background sample shall immediately follow the compliance sample.

Location: Background: Sampling shall occur at surface (approximately one foot below the surface), mid-depth (for sites with depths greater than 6 feet), and bottom (approximately 6 feet-above the bottom for sites with depths greater than 25 feet). All background sampling shall occur clearly outside the influence of any artificially generated turbidity plume or the influence of an outgoing inlet plume.

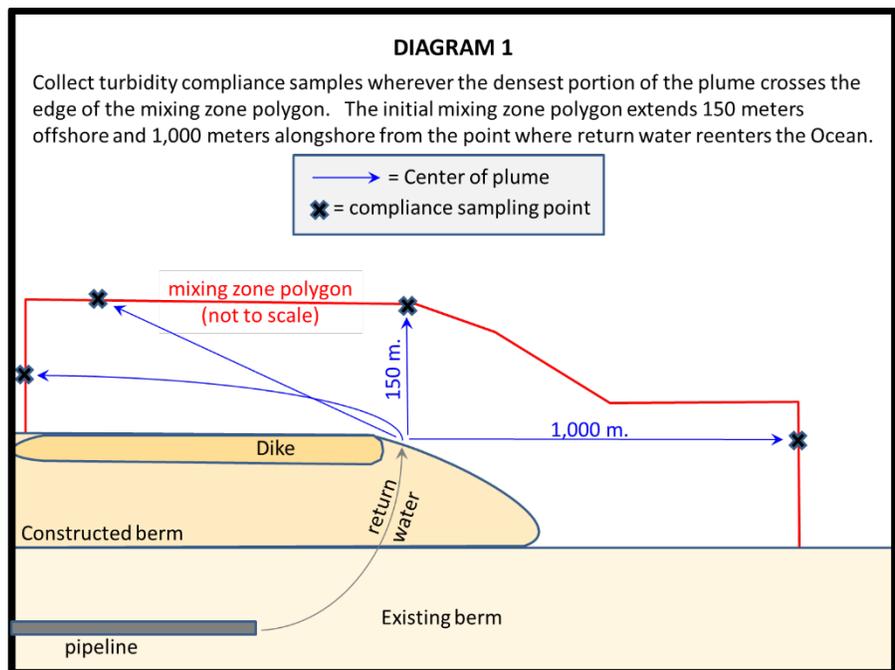
Borrow Site: Samples shall be collected at least 300 meters up-current from the source of turbidity at the dredge site.

Beach Site: Samples shall be collected at least 300 meters upcurrent from any portion of the beach that has been, or is being, filled during the current construction event, at the same distances offshore as the associated compliance samples.

Compliance: Sampling shall occur at surface (approximately one foot below the surface), mid-depth (for sites with depths greater than 6 feet), and bottom (approximately 6 feet-above the bottom for sites with depths greater than 25 feet).

Borrow Site: Samples shall be collected 1000 meters down-current from the hopper dredge overflow point, **and** from any other source of turbidity generated by the dredge, in the densest portion of any visible turbidity plume. If no plume is visible, follow the likely direction of flow.

Beach Site: Samples shall be collected where the densest portion of the turbidity plume crosses the edge of the mixing zone polygon, which measures up to 150 meters offshore and up to 1000 meters alongshore from the point where the return water from the dredged discharge reenters the Gulf of Mexico. *Note: If the plume flows parallel to the shoreline, the densest portion of the plume may be close to shore, in shallow water. In that case, it may be necessary to access the sampling location from the shore, in water that is too shallow for a boat. See Diagram 1.*



Intermediate Monitoring (required when using a mixing zone that exceeds 150 meters in size): At surface, mid-depth, and (for sites with depths greater

than 25 feet) 2 meters above bottom. At points approximately 150, 500, and 750 meters down-current from the point of discharge into the Gulf of Mexico (if those points are located inside the mixing zone), within the densest portion of any visible turbidity plume generated by this project. These measurements will be used to calibrate the size of the mixing zone for future events.

Calibration: The instruments used to measure turbidity shall be fully calibrated with primary standards within one month of the commencement of the project, and at least once a month throughout the project. Calibration with secondary standards shall be verified each morning prior to use, after each time the instrument is turned on, and after field sampling using two secondary turbidity “standards” that bracket the anticipated turbidity samples. If the postsampling calibration value deviates more than 8% from the previous calibration value, results shall be reported as estimated and a description of the problem shall be included in the field notes.

Analysis of turbidity samples shall be performed in compliance with DEP-SOP001/01 FT 1600 Field Measurement of Turbidity:

<http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/dear/sas/sopdoc/2008sops/ft1600.pdf>

If the turbidity monitoring protocol specified above prevents the collection of accurate data, the person in charge of the turbidity monitoring shall contact the JCP Compliance Officer to establish a more appropriate protocol. Once approved in writing by the Department, the new protocol shall be implemented through an administrative permit modification.

25. The **compliance** locations given above shall be considered the limits of the temporary mixing zone for turbidity allowed during construction. If monitoring reveals turbidity levels at the **compliance** sites that are greater than 25 NTUs above the corresponding background turbidity levels when the plume extends into OFW, construction activities shall **cease immediately** and not resume until corrective measures have been taken and turbidity has returned to acceptable levels. Any such occurrence shall also be immediately reported to the JCP Compliance Officer via email at JCPCompliance@dep.state.fl.us and include in the subject line, “TURBIDITY EXCEEDANCE”, and the Project Name and Permit Number. Also notify the Department’s Northwest District office.

Any project-associated turbidity source other than dredging or fill placement for beach nourishment (e.g., scow or pipeline leakage) shall be monitored as close to the source as possible. If the turbidity level exceeds 25 NTUs above background, the construction activities related to the exceedance shall **cease immediately** and not resume until corrective measures have been taken and turbidity has returned to acceptable levels. This turbidity monitoring shall continue every hour until background turbidity levels are

restored or until otherwise directed by the Department. The Permittee shall notify the Department, by separate email to the JCP Compliance Officer, of such an event within 24 hours of the time the Permittee first becomes aware of the discharge. The subject line of the email shall state "OTHER PROJECT-ASSOCIATED DISCHARGE, TURBIDITY EXCEEDANCE".

When reporting a turbidity exceedance, the following information shall also be included:

- a. When reporting a turbidity exceedance, the following information shall also be included:
 - i. the Project Name;
 - ii. the Permit Number;
 - iii. location and level (NTUs above background) of the turbidity exceedance;
 - iv. the time and date that the exceedance occurred; and
 - v. the time and date that construction ceased.
 - b. Prior to re-commencing the construction, a report shall be emailed to the Department with the same information that was included in the "Exceedance Report", plus the following information:
 - i. turbidity monitoring data collected during the shutdown documenting the decline in turbidity levels and achievement of acceptable levels;
 - ii. corrective measures that were taken; and
 - iii. cause of the exceedance.
26. **Turbidity Reports:** All turbidity monitoring data shall be submitted within one week of analysis. The data shall be presented in tabular format, indicating the measured turbidity levels at the compliance sites for each depth, the corresponding background levels at each depth and the number of NTUs over background at each depth. Any exceedances of the turbidity standard (25 NTUs above background) shall be highlighted in the table. In addition to the raw and processed data, the reports shall also contain the following information:
- a. time of day samples were taken;
 - b. dates of sampling and analysis;

- c. GPS location of sample and source. *When possible, coordinates should be provided in decimal degrees with a 5 decimal level of precision (i.e., 0.00001). Please also indicate the datum;*
- d. depth of water body;
- e. depth of each sample;
- f. antecedent weather conditions, including wind direction and velocity;
- g. tidal stage and direction of flow;
- h. water temperature;
- i. a geo-referenced map, overlaid on an aerial photograph, indicating the sampling locations (background and compliance), location of active construction, the visible plume pattern and direction of flow. The map shall also include the boundaries of any benthic resources or OFW. A sample map shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Department prior to construction (Specific Condition 4);
- j. a statement describing the methods used in collection, handling, storage and analysis of the samples;
- k. a statement by the individual responsible for implementation of the sampling program concerning the authenticity, precision, limits of detection, calibration of the meter, accuracy of the data and precision of the GPS measurements;
- l. When samples cannot be collected, include an explanation in the report. If unable to collect samples due to severe weather conditions, include a copy of a current report from a reliable, independent source, such as an online weather service.

Monitoring reports shall be submitted by email to the Department's JCP Compliance Officer. In the subject line of the reports, include the Project Name, Permit Number and the dates of the monitoring interval. Failure to submit reports in a timely manner constitutes grounds for revocation of the permit. When submitting this information to the Department's JCP Compliance Officer, on the cover page to the submittal and at the top of each page, please state: **"This information is provided in partial fulfillment of the monitoring requirements in Permit No. 0342057-001-JC, for the St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Nourishment Project"**

27. **Physical Monitoring.** Physical monitoring and reporting of the permitted project shall be conducted in accordance with the attached ***Physical Monitoring Plan, approved May 18, 2020.*** The approved Physical Monitoring Plan can be revised at any later time by written request of the Permittee and with the written approval of the Department, through

a permit modification. The Department may require revised or additional monitoring requirements as a condition of approval of the permit modification.

28. Sediment quality will be assessed as outlined in the Sediment QA/QC Plan approved August 24, 2016 for use of the offshore borrow area and Sediment QA/QC Plan approved May 5, 2020 for use of the upland source. Placement of material that is not in compliance with the Plan shall be handled according to the protocols set forth in the Sediment QA/QC Plan. The sediment testing result shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days following the completion of beach construction. The following requirements are included in the Sediment QA/QC Plan:
- a. If, during construction, the Permittee or Engineer determines that the beach fill material does not comply with the sediment compliance specifications, measures will be taken to avoid further placement of noncompliant fill, and the sediment inspection results will be reported to the Department.
 - b. The Permittee shall submit post-construction sediment testing results and an analysis report as outlined in the Sediment QA/QC plan to the Department within 90 days following beach construction. The sediment testing results will be certified by a P.E. or P.G. from the testing laboratory. A summary table of the sediment samples and test results for the sediment compliance parameters as outlined in Table 1 of the Sediment QA/QC plan shall accompany the complete set of laboratory testing results. A statement of how the placed fill material compares to the sediment analysis and volume calculations from the geotechnical investigation shall be included in the sediment testing results report.
 - c. A post-remediation report containing the site map, sediment analysis, and volume of noncompliant fill material removed and replaced shall be submitted to the Department within 7 days following completion of remediation activities.
29. If the Permittee is unable to complete two maintenance events within the five-year life of the permit, the Permittee may request (prior to the expiration date of the permit), and the Department shall grant, an extension of the permit expiration date in order to allow completion of the second maintenance event. The extension would be documented through an administrative modification. However, continued use of the Borrow Area on sovereign submerged lands would require an application for a public easement.
30. For all fill placement in the T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park conducted under the authorization of this permit, compliance with permit conditions is the sole responsibility of the Florida Park Service, Division of Recreation and Parks.
31. Any existing sand fencing within the limits of the dune project or seaward, shall be removed prior to fill placement. Following construction, any sand fencing shall be limited to the approved design specifications provided in this permit. Any future unauthorized

fencing constructed seaward of the dune shall be removed by the permittee or the property owner, and it is the responsibility of the permittee to enforce removal.

32. **Post-Construction Meeting.** Within 60 days following each construction activity authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall hold a post-construction conference. Attendees shall include at minimum, the Permittee, Agent, Department representative, and FWC representative.

After thorough review of your application, staff finds that the proposed modification is not expected to adversely affect water quality or change the determination that the project is clearly in the public interest. Staff has also determined that the proposed alteration does not increase the potential for adverse impact on the coastal system, public beach access seaward of the mean high water line or nesting sea turtles and hatchlings and their habitat, and that the proposed alteration does not reduce the design adequacy of the project. Since the proposed modification is not expected to result in any adverse environmental impact or water quality degradation, **the permit is hereby modified** as stated above. By copy of this letter and the attached drawings, we are notifying all necessary parties of the modification.

This letter of approval extends the expiration date of the permit from December 21, 2021 to **December 21, 2031**. The only Specific Conditions of the permit that are altered by this modification are those stated above. This letter must be attached to the original permit.

This permit is hereby modified unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), as provided below. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below. Mediation under Section 120.573, F.S., is not available for this proceeding”

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department’s action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency’s file or identification number, if known;

- (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the Applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the Applicant and persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within **14** days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the Applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within **14** days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline for

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filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

FLAWAC Review

The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Judicial Review

Once this decision becomes final, any party to this action has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S., by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190 with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel (Station #35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000) and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice must be filed within 30 days from the date this action is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

EXECUTION AND CLERKING:

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Gregory W. Garis
Program Administrator
Beaches, Inlets and Ports Program
Office of Resiliency and Coastal Protection

Attachments: Revised Physical Monitoring Plan (Dated May 18, 2020)
FEMA Emergency Berm Drawings (Dated September 2, 2020)

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NFWF Emergency Coastal Resilience Drawings (Dated October 15, 2020)
Sediment QAQC for upland source (Dated May 5, 2020)

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FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52, F. S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Isaac Morales

Clerk

11/13/2020

Date