

Port Everglades Navigation Improvement Project
IWG Meeting: Follow-up to April 20th Meeting on Minimization, Functional Assessment and Mitigation on Indirect Impacts (Benthic/Hardbottom Communities)

June 1, 2018: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

CANCELLED

DRAFT AGENDA

Teleconference: 1-877-336-1831, Access code: 3709243, Security Code: 1234

Webinar: <https://usace.webex.com/meet/lacy.s.pfaff>

Meeting Purpose: Review and response to comments received from IWG in reference to the April 27, 2018 webinar.

Meeting Goals:

- Clear understanding of comments received in response to the presentation and follow-up material from the April 27th webinar.
- Response to comments from Corps/Port
- Follow-up Actions if needed.

A. Introductions, Review of Agenda and meeting goals: Corps/Port/Marie

B. Modeling Efforts: Status on Draft Report expected by the end of May.

C. Minimization Efforts Comments:

- General agreement in direction of minimization efforts and believe minimization is a priority.
- Need a formal commitment (contracting language) to enact minimization measures.
- Commitment to minimization measures needed prior to in-depth analysis of Indirect Effects Assumptions.
- Recommend USACE evaluate decanting the scow using a water recycling or filtration system.
- Prohibit transit over coral reefs by loaded scows.
- Recommend a vessel monitoring system be used to track scows.
- Errors in the “Assumptions” regarding distinguishing the source of sediment and thresholds and “other risks” regarding the same issues.

D. Mitigation Measures:

- Consistent concern that references are outdated; more recent studies are available.
- Best available scientific information is still needed to inform the Habitat Equivalency Analysis (HEA) or Resource Equivalency Analysis (REA).

- Additional information from a final habitat map (modified Walker Map) and formal commitment to minimization measures is needed to fully discuss impact assessment and compensatory mitigation.

E. Other Comments: Specific comments from Curtis.

F. Path Forward

G. Taskers and Close