

Agenda
Reconnaissance Survey. Meeting No. 3
Date: September 22, 2016; 9:00 AM

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Purpose: Continuation of meeting held on September 13, 2016, and responses to taskers/questions asked during that meeting

Goals:

1. Best characterization of the area
2. Review notes from September 13th discussions & Taskers
3. Next steps needed on Reconnaissance Plan

A. Opening: Introduction of attendees

B. Agenda Review - Marie

C. Follow-up to Review of Crosswalk

1. Photos: Suggested systematic method
2. Sponges: Decisions on sponge size, condition and data.
3. Rugosity: Definition
4. Transect Length: 10 – 30 meters
5. Transect Density: Zones as discussed at the IWG meeting – See attached map

D. A proposed method for assessing the sponge-octocoral community (being written by Terri and Martha)

E. Brief update on seagrass survey that was conducted July through September 2016 (e.g., are we still on track for receiving the draft survey report in October?)

E. Review of Taskers from this meeting

F. Schedule follow-up meeting if needed.

The Port Everglades Reconnaissance is a survey of existing conditions in and around the project area to identify the presence and absence of marine life including corals, octocorals, sponges, and presence of hard substrates, seagrasses and any other stationary marine life in all phases.

The goals of the survey include providing information for:

- Functional assessment decisions: UMAM decisions (DEP) & HEA (NMFS)
- Essential Fish Habitat decisions (NMFS)
- Identification of benthic habitats potentially impacted including direct, indirect and mitigation sites.
- Determining a WQC application complete (DEP)
- Completion of a Biological Assessment to inform a Biological Opinion (NMFS)
- Completion of a revised Environmental Assessment for NEPA (EPA)
- Information and consistency for Pre-construction, construction and Post-construction monitoring
- Verify or change proposed up-front mitigation.