

# PORT EVERGLADES INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP MEETING

## Reconnaissance Study

October 4 & 5, 2016

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

[Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge](#) Visitor Center

10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, Florida 33473

## AGENDA

**Purpose:** Continue discussion and resolve issues surrounding the Port Everglades Reconnaissance Study.

### Meeting Objectives:

- Definition of Reconnaissance Study including goals
- Identify where we are in agreement and what needs resolution
- Agree on the Methods for the Reconnaissance Study or in lieu of agreements, prepare an agreed upon list of issues to be raised through the Process for Conflict Resolution

### Potential Attendees (Bolded are confirmed):

Mark Lamb - NMFS <b>Kelly Logan - NMFS</b> Pace Wilber - NMFS Jocelyn Karaszia - NMFS <b>Gina Ralph - USACE</b> Lacy Pfaff – USACE Jason Spinning – USACE Terri Jordan-Sellers - USACE	Jeff Howe - FWS <b>Laura DiGruttolo - FWC</b> <b>Marissa Krueger - FWC</b> Jason Heights-FWC Jane Herndon – DEP <b>Jennifer Peterson – DEP</b> <b>Lainie Edwards - DEP</b> <b>Vlad Kosmynin- DEP</b> <b>Brendan Biggs - DEP</b> <b>Ken Banks - Broward</b>	<b>Matt Harold – Port Everglades</b> <b>David Anderton – Port Everglades</b> <b>(First Day)</b> <b>Martha Robbart – DCA/PE</b> <b>Bill Precht – DCA/PE</b> <b>Steve Dial – DCA/PE (Phone)</b> <b>Wade Lehmann – EPA (Phone)</b> <b>Jennifer Derby – EPA(Phone)</b> <b>Calista Mills – EPA(Phone)</b> <b>Mel Parsons – EPA (Phone)</b> Ron Miedema - EPA
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### Tuesday, October 4th

**A. Opening Comments – Port Everglades, Corps and Agency representatives**

**B. Introductions of Attendees - All**

**C. Agenda Review -All**

**D. Review Meeting Objectives - Marie**

**E. Meeting Guidelines - IWG –Marie/All**

**F. Review of Purpose/Goals of the Reconnaissance Study as revised using the most recent information from the DEP – Marie/All**

The Port Everglades Reconnaissance Study is a survey of natural communities within the direct impact area (channel) and predicted secondary impact areas (area outlined in the Feasibility Study) with the following goals and objectives:

**Goal:** Obtain information on natural communities in the project area that will be needed for project planning and permitting.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Provide information for determining the amount of compensatory mitigation that will be required to offset impacts using UMAM (pursuant to 62-345, F.A.C.), including characterizing the current condition of benthic resources (pursuant to 373.414(1)(a)(7), and 373.414(18), F.S.) that will be impacted (directly and indirectly) by the project.
- 2) Provide quantitative information needed to develop the Mitigation Plan (to be submitted with permit application pursuant to 373.414, F.S.), including a) establishing a reference dataset to set success criteria and b) developing appropriate enhancement activities (e.g., determining which taxa should be grown in nurseries and out-planted to reefs).
- 3) Provide information needed to make determinations regarding impact minimization (pursuant to ERP Applicant's Handbook, Vol. 1, 10.2.1). This includes information on the distribution and abundance of benthic organisms (including but not limited to corals), which is needed to develop a Transplantation Plan for relocating organisms out of predicted impact areas.

**G. Presentation by FDEP – Power Point presentation – Jenny & Brandon**

**H. Detail on methods previously identified at IWG further outlined in PowerPoint presentation. Includes:**

1. Random stratified sampling within habitat types inside predicted impacts areas.
2. Employ temporary transects and quadrats.
  - a. Video surveys, Line-intercept surveys, and BEAMR quadrat surveys.
  - b. Documentation of listed species (enumeration, locations).

**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**A. Review of Yesterday's discussion and conclusions – Marie**

**B. Continue Discussions – All**

**C. Review of agreements reached at the meeting**

**C. Review of Process for Conflict Resolution if needed - Marie**

**D. Review of list which will be addressed through the management chains (if needed) - Marie**

**E. Next Steps – Marie/All**

**F. End meeting no later than 5:00 pm**

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**Breakfast:** Part of Hotel accommodations if you stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites at Boynton Beach

**Lunch:** The Refuge is somewhat remote, please pick up lunch on the way to the meeting since we plan on a short lunch window to maximize our time together. A refrigerator is available. Numerous places including Publix will be on your way to the Refuge if you are staying in Boynton Beach.

**Dinner:** On your own or we are looking for a potential site for a group lunch within walking distance of the hotel.

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