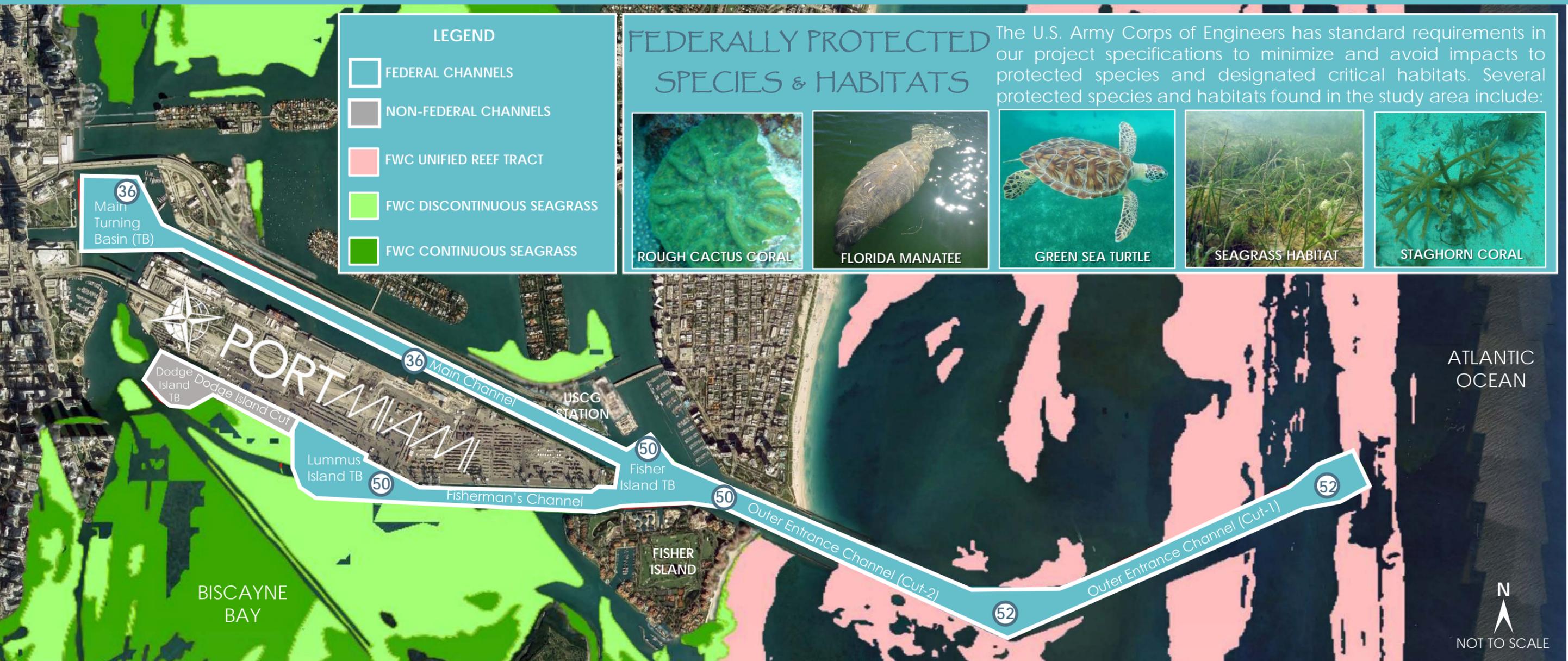


# MIAMI HARBOR NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT STUDY



## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) PROCESS



NEPA is a federal law enacted in 1969. As required by NEPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers evaluates the potential environmental impacts to the human environment. The findings are explained in a NEPA document and are available for public review and comment before any decisions are made or actions are taken. Findings compare the preferred alternative to the No-Action alternative (Future Without Project).



Throughout this study, data collected from our previous deepening events here in Miami and other ports in southeast Florida will be used to help assess potential impacts and mechanisms to avoid and minimize impacts thereto.

## NEPA DOCUMENT: EA or EIS?

In NEPA Scoping when determining whether to perform an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) a Test for Significance is performed (40 CFR 1508.27):

1. Beneficial and Adverse Effects
2. Public Health and Safety
3. Uniqueness of Area
4. Controversy
5. Uncertain, Unique, or Unknown Risks
6. Precedent for Future Actions
7. Cumulative Impact
8. Scientific, Cultural, or Historic Resources
9. Endangered or Threatened Species
10. Threaten Violation of Federal Environmental Law