



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

EVALUATING POTENTIAL EFFECTS

THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

NEPA is a federal law enacted in 1969. As required by NEPA, the Corps will assess potential environmental effects of alternatives.

The findings will be explained in an NEPA document. The NEPA document will be available for public review and comment before any decisions are made or actions are taken. Your input at this meeting helps the Corps in identifying key environmental issues that may need to be evaluated.

EXAMINING POTENTIAL EFFECTS TO RESOURCES

The objective of this project is to contribute to National Economic Development consistent with environmental statutes.

The NEPA document will evaluate potential effects on resources such as:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Archaeological/Cultural Resources
- Essential Fish Habitat
- Contaminants
- Noise
- Recreation
- Benthic Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Turbidity
- Wildlife Resources

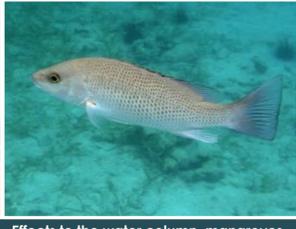
AESTHETICS



CULTURAL RESOURCES



ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT



The project area is surveyed for cultural resources. If found, the resources are protected or mitigated prior to construction.

Effects to the water column, mangroves, seagrass, and hardbottom/coral reef habitats are evaluated and appropriate protective measures are established; mitigation is developed for unavoidable effects.

THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES



CORAL/HARDBOTTOM



Approved methods to protect threatened and endangered species such as manatees, sea turtles, and whales will be implemented throughout the life of the project.

Projects are designed to avoid and/or minimize adverse effects to hardbottoms and coral reefs. Mitigation is required when effects are unavoidable.

TURBIDITY



RECREATION



Suspended sediments in the water column are monitored during construction activities.

