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Kristi,

I have read the draft documents and thought my comments should be directed to issues other than the scientific nature of the report and referenced documents, as there are better people on this email to make those comments.

My comments are related to timeliness of changes.

We all know what the perceptions and scientific discussion has concluded about the Port of Miami Dredging with the exception of one scientist's published data on that subject. We know both other major ports within the Florida Coral Reef Tract have scheduled or ongoing dredging projects. We also understand that the time frame and type of dredging affect these issues.

For instance, Port of Palm Beach is currently doing maintenance dredging of our entrance channel. Luckily, this particular dredging is fairly benign as it includes mainly the suction dredging of sand to a hopper dredge with the sand then being placed on the adjacent beach. Typically for this harbor, the sand is clean, and turbidity is very low.

We also know the Corp of Engineers is completing planning etc. for a major 5+ years dredging project at Port Everglades with a significantly different effect on water quality and turbidity.

The time issue affects all three Ports including the future planned work for depending again at Port of Miami. The sooner the ports and planners have the changes, the quicker we can integrate those changes into our dredging plans. Some of these changes are not easy, but you know I have been a long defender of our Florida reefs and water quality is a high priority for myself, both personally and professionally.

Anything that can be done to expedite the changes, guarantees the highest available protection of our coral reef resources, while understanding the long term planning for our ports. Our Florida Port Professionals can adapt to almost any changes, we just need the time to look at the feasibility and cost benefit ratios of the required changes, and the techniques the Ports and Dredgers can employ to comply with the revised regulations.

Thanks for allowing all of our participants the input at this phase. I look forward to reviewing the final document.

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