

# **SAN JUAN HARBOR, PUERTO RICO NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS STUDY**

## **Final Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment**

### **APPENDIX H CZMA Consistency Determination**

June 2018



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Jacksonville District



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**CASO NÚMERO: CZ-2017-0911-011**

Estimado(a) señor(a):

Cumpliendo con las disposiciones de la Ley Núm. 75 del 24 de junio de 1975, según enmendada y Ley Núm. 38 de 30 de junio de 2017, y para su notificación oficial, incluimos copia certificada del acuerdo adoptado por la Junta de Planificación de Puerto Rico en relación con el asunto de referencia.

Cordialmente,

Loida Soto Nogueras  
Secretaria  
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Anejo



**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD**

December 19, 2017

**CZ-2018-0911-011  
Federal Consistency Certificate with the  
Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program (PRCZMP)**

**RESOLUTION**

TO NOTIFY PARTIES ABOUT THE PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD  
CONCURRENCE WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY DETERMINATION ABOUT FEDERAL  
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRCZMP ACCORDING TO COASTAL ZONE  
MANAGEMENT ACT REGULATIONS AT 15 CFR Part 930

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) submitted a determination about Federal Consistency with the PRCZMP for the San Juan Harbor Improvements. The project consists of the deepening of some segments of the Federal channel and expansion of the "Army Terminal" channel segment for additional 100 feet (50 feet on each side). A table with details about current dimensions and the proposed improvements follows:

General Navigation Feature	Authorized depth (Feet)	Actual width (Feet)	Proposed depth (Feet)	Proposed width (Feet)
Bar (Entrance) Channel	42-56	800-950	46-56	No change
Anegado Channel	40	800	44	No change
Army Terminal Channel	40	350	44	450 feet
Army Terminal Turning Basin	40	1450 feet diameter	44	No change
Puerto Nuevo Channel	39	350	39	No change
Puerto Nuevo Turning Basin	39	1000 feet diameter	39	No change
Graving Dock Channel	36	350	36	No change
Graving Dock Turning Basin	30	Varies	30	No change
Cruise Ship Basin West	36	Varies	36	No change
Cruise Ship Basin East	36	Varies	36	No change
San Antonio Channels	36	500-900	36	No change

The proposed project involves the removal of approximately 2,110,000 cubic yards of material to be deposited in the Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) designated by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Part of the material will be used to carry out an ecosystem restoration project in the Condado Lagoon that consists in depositing around 230,000 cubic yards in the existing artificial depressions in order to improve the seagrass habitat and water quality of the lagoon. The site of the proposed ecological restoration is an area of around 32 acres located in the north-northeast side of the Condado Lagoon. The PR Planning Board evaluated and issued a Federal Consistency Certification with the PRCZMP for this project through case number CZ-2014-0528-087.

The USACE is evaluating different methods to perform the dredging including the use of a Hydraulic Hopper dredger, Hydraulic Cutter Suction dredger and mechanical Clamshell dredger among others. A scow barge will be used to deposit and transport the dredged material to the ODMDS.



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The proposed channel improvements and maintenance dredging will be performed within the navigation channel and berthing areas of the San Juan Harbor at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The dredged material will be deposited in the Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), located at approximately 2.2 nautical miles northwest of the San Juan Harbor entrance.

The USACE submitted an Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment document, to support the Federal Consistency Determination at reference. Copy of this document was sent to the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER), the PR Ports Authority, the Puerto Rican Culture Institute (PRCI), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) for their review and comments. A public notice was also issued and disclosed among agencies and stakeholders. During the granted comment period, only the DNER submitted comments. This agency determined that the proposed San Juan Harbor Improvements are consistent and complies with the objectives and public policies of the PRZCMP.

After reviewing the submitted documents, received comments, and information at file, the Puerto Rico Planning Board in its meeting of December 19, 2017 determined the following:

*"The Puerto Rico Planning Board concurs with the USACE determination that the proposed San Juan Harbor Improvements are Consistent with the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program. In the spirit of completing the file, it is observed that there are no manifests of the PR Permit Management Office and SHPO about the project".*

This Federal Consistency Certificate does not exempt the project to comply with other federal or state requirements.

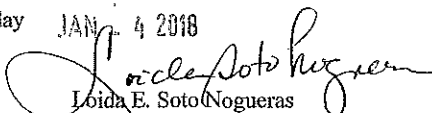
**The following parties shall be notified:** Gina Paduano Ralph, Chief Environmental Branch, Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers; Omar Marrero, Executive Director, PR Ports Authority; Tania Vázquez, Secretary, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources; DNER; Ernesto Díaz, Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program, DNER.

  
María del C. Gordillo Pérez  
President

**Certify:** That this Resolution is copy of the agreement adopted by Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) in its meeting of **December 19, 2017**. I expedite and notify this copy to the parties under my sign and official stamp of the Puerto Rico Planning Board stamp, for general use and knowledge.

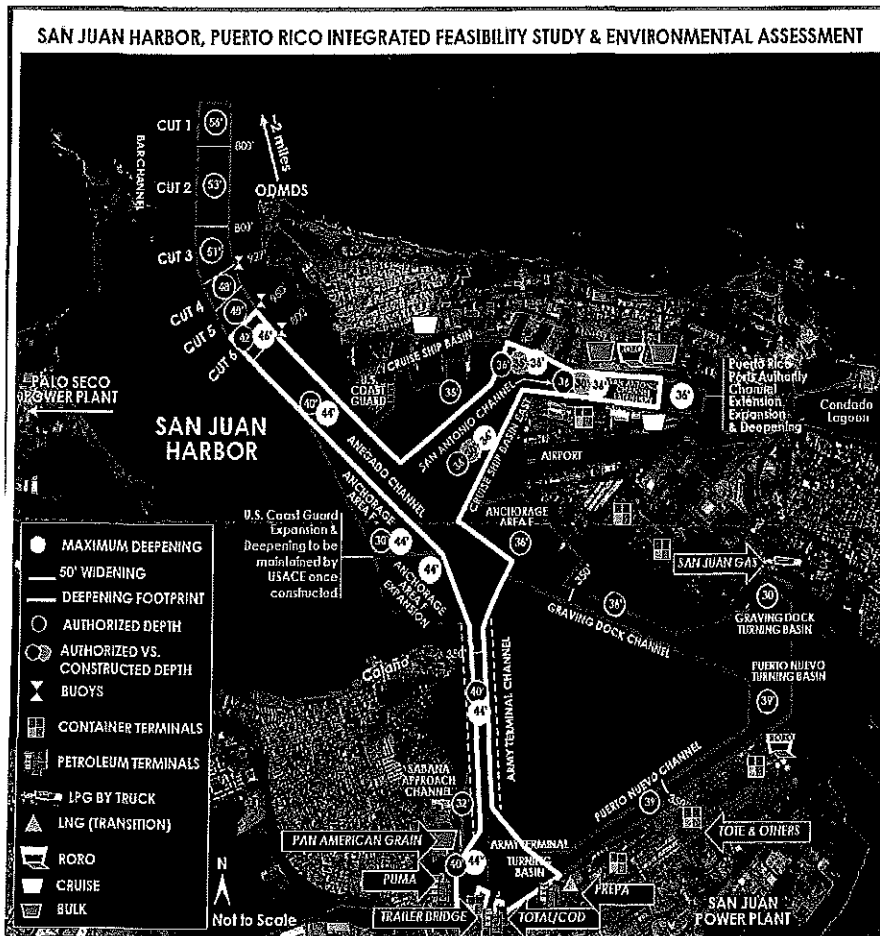
In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today

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Loida E. Soto Nogueras  
Secretary



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