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## Port Everglades Navigation Improvements Program (PENIP) Project of National Significance Infrastructure Investment

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Port Everglades Navigation Improvements Program (PENIP), led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is a federal infrastructure project to deepen and widen critical shipping channels and turning basins at Port Everglades. In 2023 the cost for this initiative was estimated at \$1.35 Billion. This strategic modernization will unlock long-overdue economic potential, increase maritime safety, support national energy security, and maintain Port Everglades' global competitiveness.

### WHY IT MATTERS

- **Top-Ranked Port** - #1 in Florida for total petroleum throughput, 3rd busiest cruise homeport in the world.
- **Energy Lifeline** - Delivers 1/3 of Florida's energy products, including gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel.
- **National Security** - Supports operations of U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale.
- **Economic Impact** - Over \$1 billion in public/private investments already committed to leverage PENIP's completion.

### URGENT NEED FOR ACTION

Federal delays—especially in the issuance of a required biological opinion under the Endangered Species Act—

have stalled PENIP's progress for nearly three decades. The project includes the most extensive coral mitigation and environmental restoration plan in U.S. port history. It is ready to proceed once federal environmental clearance is granted.

### REQUESTED FEDERAL ACTIONS

- Expedite National Marine Fisheries Service issuance of the Biological Opinion.
- Ensure environmental mitigation requirements are feasible and science-based.
- Maintain federal support and funding to advance PENIP to immediate construction.

### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Increased cargo capacity and trade throughput
- Strengthened regional and national energy security
- Modernized infrastructure for U.S. Coast Guard operations
- Environmental safeguards and long-term marine habitat restoration
- Thousands of new jobs and billions in economic activity

### PORT EVERGLADES IS READY. THE ECONOMY IS WAITING. LET'S BUILD PENIP NOW.

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