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To: Vessel Operators, Ships Agents, Port Users, & Port Officials

Subject: Draft Restrictions for Lake Worth Inlet

Recent soundings show increased shoaling on the north quarter and centerline of the Lake Worth Inlet Entrance Channel. We have 24' feet on the north quarter and 31' feet on the centerline at MLLW. The offshore settling basins are full of sand and further shoaling is expected. Emergency dredging is recommended.

**Inbound vessels are restricted to 30' feet at high water and 27' ft at low water slack. Oil products are restricted to 29' ft at high water and 26' ft at low water. Single screw tank and bulk vessels are restricted to 585' LOA and 90' ft beam due to the loss of the north quarter with sand. Passenger vessels may need to divert or delay entry with any extreme weather or strong northerly winds.**

All drafts are for saltwater. Vessels over 500' ft LOA, 85' ft beam and 27' ft draft may be restricted to daylight entry. Certain vessels over 26' ft. draft should avoid the flood tide. One-way traffic is required for all vessels over 300' feet. Vessels over 550' LOA and 90' beam may have further draft restrictions.

All agents with vessels over 550' ft LOA, 85' ft beam, and 25' ft draft should keep in close contact with the Pilots concerning further restrictions.

Sincerely,

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