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Subject: FW: Bonefish Islands Restoration Islands Waiver Request

As Kirk requested, I have prepared a TC item for next week for this request. Below is the County's explanation of why Sunday work will hopefully help.

Patricia

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Patricia,

Thank you for expediting Town consideration. Yes, our theory is the contractor could minimize transporting material during the peak commute hours, reducing bridge openings during that time, then "make-up" for any impact to production by working on Sundays. The Corps would coordinate specifics with the contractor and will be sensitive to any increases to cost or timeline, but we wanted to seek Town support before suggesting it as an option for their consideration. Also the waiver was approved for 1 year from approval (March 12, 2024). Since this request will be considered by the Council, we'd also like to request an extension to November 1, 2025. The Corps' construction contract expires on July 17, 2025, but based on current status, construction is not going to be complete by that date. By November, we will have a better idea of project timeline and if necessary, would coordinate with the Town on any additional needs before the start of season.

Thanks,

Mike

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Mike,

I am going to put this on the agenda for next Tuesday. Could you give me an idea of how this would help? Would we be able to reduce the barges during the week and therefore reduce the bridge openings?

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Good Morning Patricia,

The County respectfully requests a modification to the Waiver of Town Codes as approved on March 12, 2024 for the Bonefish Cove Islands Restoration Project to allow construction activities to occur on Sundays. In response to the traffic concerns, the County would like to suggest to the USACE to work with the contractor to authorize construction activities on Sundays as an option to reduce bridge openings during peak commute periods on weekdays. Ultimately, the USACE is the contracting authority and will have discretion on how to proceed with the contractor, but with the Town's support of this modification, we'll present it as a potential option that shouldn't impact the project's construction timeline. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Mike

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