

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 12, 2018

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Shore Protection Board Recommendation to Proceed with Permit from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Groin Rehabilitation

DATE: May 25, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff requests that the Town Council consider the Shore Protection Board's (SPB) recommendation to proceed with federal permitting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and accept the permit for the Groin Rehabilitation project, and provide any other direction deemed necessary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the April 10, 2018 meeting, Town Council directed Town staff to hold on federal permitting until legal feedback was obtained regarding liability. Staff directed Coastal Consultant, APTIM, to standby and not take any permitting actions until further notice. On May 10, the USACE informed staff that their consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service was complete and that they could begin drafting the permit. Staff requested that the USACE hold on permit development until direction was received by Town Council. The USACE informed staff that a time frame of approximately 30 days may be needed to draft the permit should the Town move forward. Staff informed the SPB of the progress on federal permitting during the May 24, 2018 meeting. The SPB unanimously recommended that Town Council direct staff to resume federal permitting and accept the permit for the Groin Rehabilitation Project.

Also, the SPB unanimously recommended an FY2019 Coastal Management Program Budget on May 24, 2018. This budget included a recommended modification from the current 10-year Town Council-adopted plan with respect to Groin Rehabilitation. Rather than a \$500,000 annual appropriation, the SPB recommended an increase to \$5,000,000 for FY 2019. This annual increase of \$4,500,000 is also recommended by the SPB for the remaining years of the 10-year plan (FY2020, FY2021, FY2022, and FY2023). The Coastal Management Program budget will be discussed in detail during the budget meetings this summer.

cc: Shore Protection Board
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager