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FACT SHEET as of February 6, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: Section 3151 modifies Section 556 of WRDA 1999 to include recreation as a project purpose for the North Padre Island Storm Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration Project.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management/Recreation

PROJECT PHASE: Reconnaissance



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchison and Cornyn (TX); Representative Farenthold (TX-27)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: The City of Corpus Christi, Texas

BACKGROUND: The project was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1999, Section 556. The project provides for a jettied entrance, a channel through North Padre Island along the existing Packery Channel, located north and adjacent to the John F. Kennedy Causeway, and joining the main channel of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at mile 553.0. The Sponsor is the City of Corpus Christi. Construction was completed along with repair work for damages caused by Hurricanes Emily and Rita in February 2008. WRDA 2007, Section 3151 amended the original authorization to include recreation as a project purpose. The total estimated cost for construction of the recreation features is \$5,310,000 which will be cost-shared 50/50 with the Sponsor. Current Corps of Engineers regulations require a decision document to support the recreation features, therefore an assessment to ascertain whether the recreation features are within the Federal interest must be performed.

STATUS: The study has never been initiated.

ISSUES: Sponsor strongly believes the Corps should construct the Recreation features of the project without a Corps' approved study. Recreation is a separable element of the project. WRDA 1999 modified the original authorization to include recreation as a project purpose. Funds are required to prepare a Limited Reevaluation Report to support the recreation feature.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):</u>	<u>RECON</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	\$100,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	0
Total Project Cost	\$100,000
Allocation thru FY 2010	\$ 0
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	0
Capability for FY 2013	100,000
Balance to Complete	\$100,000

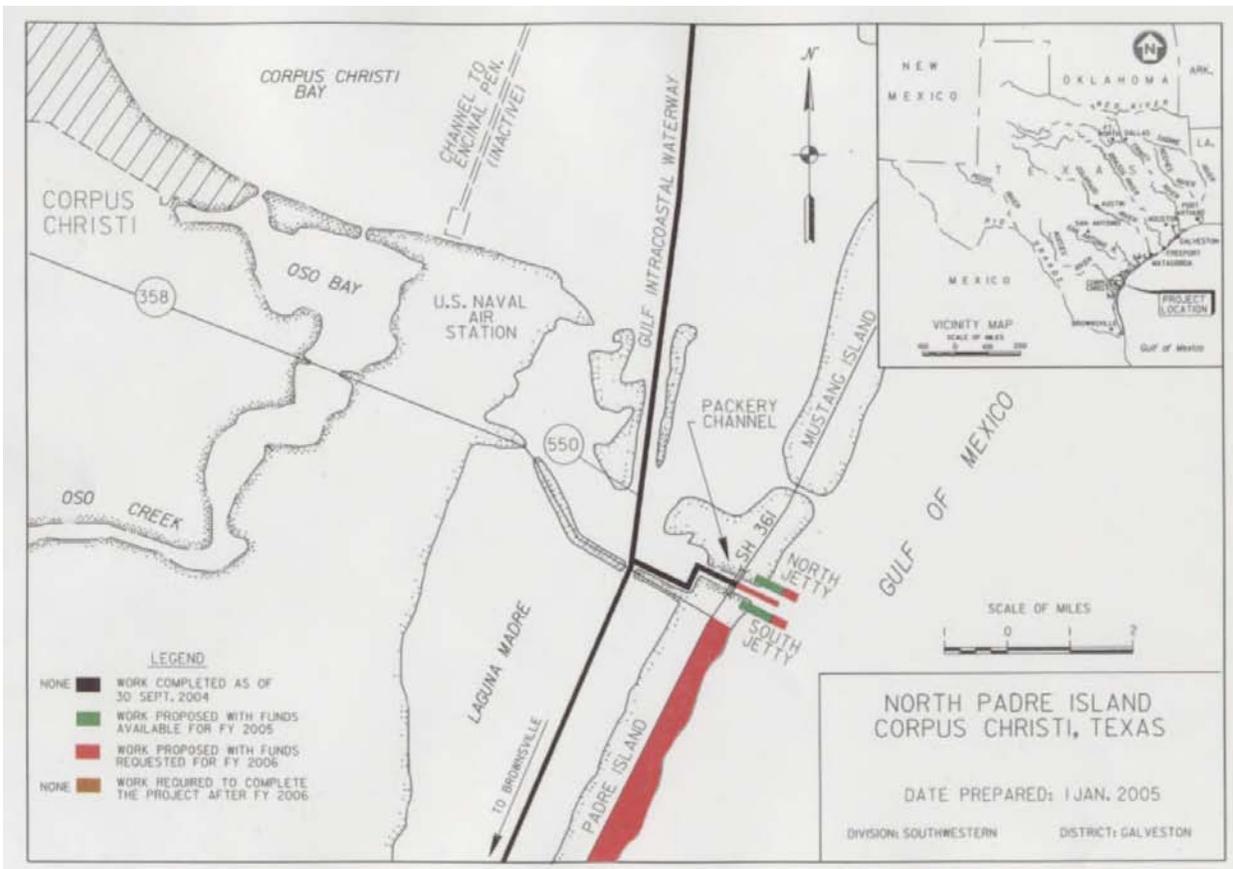
SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: The study is not in the President's FY2013 budget. If funding is received it would be used to complete a Reconnaissance Study (905b), prepare a Project Management Plan, and execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (\$100,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the study completion date is March 2014, which is 12 Months after initiation of the study.

For more information regarding the North Padre Island Packery Channel, TX study, contact Mr. Pete. Perez, P.E. Deputy District Engineer, Chief Programs and Project Management Division at 409-766-3018 or Pete.G.Perez@usace.army.mil.



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