and managers of these systems for the use of and enjoyment by present and future generations.

If consideration is given to allowing substantial dredging or construction related activities which could affect NPS systems, it is essential that: (1) where appropriate, the best geological, biological and engineering expertise be used to analyze the potential impact of the activity and to identify the most beneficial approach, and (2) that a thorough biological and physical monitoring and analysis plan be implemented to document the impact and to improve general understanding of the complex coastal sediment processes and biological interactions resulting from substantial alterations to the system. Only by this approach can NPS appropriately fulfill its responsibility to maintain the well-being of those systems for which it is charged against the increasing pressures for modifications which could alter these systems.