# NC Coastal Resources Advisory Council August 27, 2024 Beaufort Hotel Beaufort, NC Meeting Summary

## Attendance

Bobby Outten (Chair) Spencer Rogers (Co Vice-Chair)

Kyle BreuerDavid KellamDaniel BrinnKathleen RielySandy CrossDebbie SmithRyan DavenportJohn SpruillJohn FarrellDave WeaverWebb FullerJohn Windley

David Hewett

#### Call to Order

Bobby Outten called the meeting to order with 15 members in attendance.

## **Science Panel-Inlet Hazard Update**

Ken Richardson presented on the status of the CRC Science Panel's work on updating Inlet Hazard Area (IHA) boundaries. DCM Staff and the Panel held and in-person kickoff meeting in New Bern in October 2023, followed by virtual meetings that occurred approximately once per month, and then twice each month starting in May 2024. The focus of these meetings was to review the IHA methodology using updated data and test concepts that might improve upon the Panel's work associated with the 2019 update study. The Panel has agreed on a method modification, but the results are still being considered. DCM Staff and the Panel continue to meet and work on the draft report, but results will likely not be available and ready to present to the Commission until early 2025.

#### **Thin Layer Placement**

Cameron Luck provided an updated regarding the status of thin layer deposition projects in North Carolina that are currently being reviewed by DCM staff. The CRAC was also updated on staff participation in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Beneficial Use of Dredge Material (BUDM) Initiative and some of the tools that are being created for identifying areas that may benefit most from dredge material placement. A link to the USACE online tool is still in development but has been made available for public to view: RSM BUDM - NC - Experience

## **Temporary Structures on the Beach**

Spencer Rogers provided a presentation on temporary structures on the beach prior to storms that monitor wind and wave action. Spencer expressed that the permitting process is cumbersome under the current rules. The CRAC asked staff to explore recommendations to streamline this process for CRAC consideration.

# **Buxton Beach Cleanup Effort**

Daniel Govoni presented on the history and current events regarding the contamination at the Buxton Naval Facility, a former U.S. Navy, and U.S. Coast Guard Facility. It was noted that the U.S. Coast Guard has been asked to clean up this area where there are building foundations in the surf zone.

# Adjourn

With no further business the Council adjourned.