

SUMMARY OF COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIONS
January 26, 2005
Blockade Runner Beach Resort
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Election of Officers

Bob Shupe was elected to serve a second year as Chair, and Bill Morrison was elected for a second term as Vice Chair.

DENR Overview: The SEPA Process, Evolution of Secondary and Cumulative Impacts Analysis and DENR initiatives

Robin Smith spoke about the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process, and the evolution of the Department's Cumulative and Secondary Impacts program. The Department continues to work with permit applicants, most notably the Department of Transportation, to improve the environmental review and permitting process. Ms. Smith estimated that stormwater accounts for as much as 90 percent of the cumulative and secondary impacts in projects that the Department reviews. One new approach that the Department is taking is address stormwater management from a planning perspective rather than on a project-by-project basis. Wayne Mobley commented that cumulative and secondary impacts are a huge concern in coastal waters, and that the Division of Shellfish Sanitation is continuing to work with other agencies to mitigate the impacts.

Western Wake County Area-wide Secondary and Cumulative Impacts Mitigation Plan

Leila Goodwin, Water Resources Manager with the Town of Cary, described the Western Wake County Are-Wide Secondary and Cumulative Impacts Mitigation Plan. The Town drafted a Cumulative and Secondary Impacts Plan, and hopes to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with permitting agencies that will allow them simply to cite the plan in the environmental documentation for proposed projects and deal only with the direct impacts. The town hopes to have the MOU signed by April.

Results of CHPP Implementation Survey & Discussion

The Advisory Council started discussions on prioritizing the CHPP recommendations. We plan to continue the discussion in April and present our rankings to the Commission as an aid to developing an Implementation Plan.