

SUMMARY OF COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIONS

June 22, 2004

Hilton

Greenville, N.C.

Overview of Shellfish Sanitation & Recreational Water Quality Program

The Advisory Council began the meeting with a presentation from council member Wayne Mobley on the Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality programs. These programs are in place to advise whether the state's coastal waters are safe for swimming and its shellfish safe to eat. Mr. Mobley's presentation painted a picture of growing shellfish closures (about 2 million acres of NC's shellfishing waters have been closed in the past 20 years), and an increasing number of swimming advisories each year. This will be very useful information to the CRAC as the CHPP process proceeds.

CRAC Involvement in CAMA Land Use Planning

John Thayer informed the Advisory Council that CAMA Land Use Plan Updates are underway, and he invited members to participate in the updates as plan reviewers. John will present additional information in August to give council members a better idea of how best to participate.

Governor's Response To The Preliminary Report of The US Commission On Ocean Policy

Steve Wall, a policy analyst with DENR gave the Council an update on the Governor's comments on the U.S. Ocean Commission's Preliminary Report. Steve provided some background on the creation of the 16-member commission from the 2000 Oceans Act. Steve advised that the commission was charged with reviewing existing US ocean policies and recommending changes. The report is over 500 pages long and contains over 200 specific recommendations.

2004 CHPP Public Participation Plan

Mike Lopazanski briefed the Advisory Council on the 2004 CHPP Public Participation Plan. He stated that as with last year's effort, an advisory committee was formed to provide input on how outreach would be conducted.