

CRC/Terminal Groins

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Our Task

- Assigned to us by the Legislature.
- Study advisability and feasibility of terminal groins in NC.
- No later than April 1 we are to report our findings to the legislature.

Where Are We

- M&N Report is almost final.
 - M&N has consulted and received input and advice from the Science Panel.
- Have had several hearings – two more scheduled.
- CRC/CRAC Steering Committee has met twice.
- You have the draft report.

Where Are We

- M&N Report is informative and covers all topics called for in legislation.
- Includes five study sites.
- Did not attempt to analyze NC inlets for groin placement.
- Report highlights conditions at specific inlets, but as expected, the report does not do our work for us.

Where Do We Go Now?

- We need to develop recommendations to the Legislature.
- It should include our assessment of learnings from the M&N Report.
- And should include recommendations for action on groins.

How to Get There

- Today we provide to Staff a sense of where we are on the report and terminal groins.
- Staff begins development of the CRC document to accompany the Report.
- March 1 – final M&N Report.
- March 12 – Science Panel
- March 18 – Steering Committee refines Staff's draft.
- March 25 & 26 – CRC refines and adopts.
- April 1 – deliver to the Legislature.

Possible Recommendations

- Retain the Ban With the Existing Exceptions (Status Quo)
- Retain the Ban and Get Rid of the Exceptions
- Retain the Ban With Existing and New Exceptions (Only Dredged Inlets?)
- Restore the CRC's Former Authority and Handle Terminal Groins with a Variance Procedure
 - With Standard Variance Criteria
 - With Specific Variance Criteria
- Retain the Ban but the Legislature Gives the CRC Authority to Develop Procedures for Permitting Terminal Groins
- Do More Study