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MEMORANDUM **CRC-10-33**

TO: Coastal Resources Commission

FROM: Guy Stefanski, Strategic Planning Manager

SUBJECT: 2nd Draft Program Assessment and Five-Year Enhancement Strategy (FY 2011-2015)

Section 309 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) provides for a voluntary Coastal Zone Enhancement Grants Program to encourage states to develop program changes in one or more of the following nine coastal zone enhancement areas: wetlands, coastal hazards, public access, marine debris, cumulative and secondary impacts, special area management planning, ocean resources, energy and government facility siting, and aquaculture.

Under the Enhancement Grants Program, every five years coastal states conduct a detailed program assessment of the nine enhancement areas (above) and, as a result, identify high priority areas for inclusion in a five-year strategic plan. Upon completion of a recent program assessment, the Division of Coastal Management has determined that two high priority enhancement areas **(COASTAL HAZARDS and OCEAN RESOURCES)** will form the basis of its next five-year strategic plan (FY 2011-2015). These two program areas will be supported by four program changes (see below).

COASTAL HAZARDS STRATEGY
Program Change 1: Implementation of a Statewide, Regional-based Beach and Inlet Management Plan for North Carolina
Program Change 2: Development of New and Revised Estuarine Shoreline Management Rules
Program Change 3: Development of a Sea Level Rise Policy, Land Use Planning Guidelines, & Updated Assessment Report

OCEAN RESOURCES STRATEGY
Program Change 1: Development of a Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning Memorandum of Agreement and Recommendations Report to Better Manage North Carolina's Coastal and Marine Resources

The Draft Program Assessment and Five-Year Enhancement Strategy (FY 2011-2015) is available at:
http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net/draftassessmentandstrategynov1.pdf

This is the second draft document. It has been revised according to comments by NOAA staff received in September 2010. Although the document contains a wealth of useful information, the Strategy sections are located on pages 92 through 116, which will be the focus of my presentation to you on November 17. This draft was sent to NOAA on November 1, 2010 for their review with the final document to be approved by January 31, 2011 (according to the schedule established by NOAA).