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Division of Coastal Management
Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor James H. Gregson, Director Dee Freeman, Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Coastal Resources Commission
FROM: Tancred Miller
SUBJECT: Draft Sea Level Rise Policy – Stakeholder Meetings Summary

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At your September meeting we reviewed a draft sea level rise policy statement that staff had prepared, and you approved our taking the draft out for stakeholder input. Two stakeholder meetings were scheduled, one was held in Raleigh on October 28th, and the other will be in Morehead City on November 12th. Feedback at the Raleigh meeting was very supportive and constructive, and we are looking forward to receiving additional input at the Morehead City meeting. A full report, including attendance, all comments, and a revised draft will be provided at your November meeting.

The only action that staff is requesting from the Commission at the November meeting is to once again review the draft and make any changes you believe are necessary. Staff is not requesting that the Commission initiate rulemaking until the February meeting, in order to allow more time for all parties to increase their familiarity and comfort level with the draft, and recommend additional changes should any arise. In the interim, staff will continue to circulate the draft informally to give a wider range of interested parties the opportunity to provide input.

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