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TO: DEQ-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Garcy Ward, N.C. Division of Water Resources, Water Quality Permitting Section

RE: Water Quality Certification Application for Mid-Currituck Bridge

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The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/401-wetlands-buffer-permits/401-public-notices>.

**I. Public Notice and Notice of a Public Hearing on Feb. 27 for Mid-Currituck Bridge 401 Water Quality Certification; DWR #20241262 Version 1**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on Sept. 18, 2024, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina Turnpike Authority, applied to the N.C. Division of Water Resources (DWR) for a 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Title 15A NCAC 02H .0500. In accordance with the application, NCDOT and the N.C. Turnpike Authority are seeking certification for 1.21 acres of permanent wetland impacts and more than 17 acres of temporary wetland impacts as part of a proposal to construct a two-lane, controlled access toll road and bridge connecting U.S. 158 near Coinjock/Aydlett to N.C. 12 near Corolla, including a shorter bridge over Maple Swamp in Currituck County on the mainland, and a longer bridge crossing the Currituck Sound. The project is also expected to impact 2,790 square feet of identified submerged aquatic vegetation.

The public is hereby notified that DWR will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at the Currituck County Center, located at 120 Community Way, Barco, North Carolina. Sign-in and speaker registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow interested persons to submit oral and/or written comments regarding the 401 Water Quality Certification application submitted to DWR.

The public is also invited to comment in writing on the application. Written comments must be received by DWR no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025. Garcy Ward, Division



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of Water Resources, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, N.C., 27889. Written comments may also be submitted via email to: [publiccomments@deq.nc.gov](mailto:publiccomments@deq.nc.gov). Please include "Mid-Currituck Bridge" in the email's subject line.

The application is available online at:

<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/Browse.aspx?dbid=0&startid=3475631>



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