



## Minutes

### Dare County Oregon Inlet Task Force Special Meeting

Dare County Administration Building  
Manteo, NC

**9:30 a.m. September 30, 2024**

Attendance: Steve House, Harry Schiffman, Bob Peele, Anthony Lloyd, Jamie Reibel, Brown Douglas

Staff: Barton Grover

Others in Attendance: Jordan Hennessy, Brad Rosov, Ken Willson, Bob Woodard

#### 1.0 Opening Remarks

- Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Chairman House.

#### 2.0 Corps Permits Update & Discussion

- Steve House updated the Task Force on the recent meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Wilmington, NC on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.
- The meeting was held in response to concerns raised by the USACE about data contained in reports from the Dredging Quality Management Program indicating that dredging was conducted outside the authorized widths and depths of the navigation channels. The USACE suspended the county's dredging permits, but has assured us that permits will be issued soon once the new conditions are finalized.
- Bobby Outten reported that the recent meetings and calls with the USACE have been productive and the county has requested changes to the type of data the county receives during dredging operations. In addition to third-party monitoring by Coastal Protection Engineering, dredging quality management (DQM) data will now display the authorized dredge box that will enable Dare County to monitor the information to quickly address any future concerns. The USACE is working with the county to resolve issues, and both parties are focused on keeping the dredge operational to maintain safe and navigable channels and inlets.

- Steve House stated that the Corps will be returning these permits one at a time. Therefore, we will need to determine the order in which these permits are turned back on at this meeting.
- Bob Woodard asked what the timeline would be to have all the permits returned. Steve House said once the Corps returns the initial permit, they will review operations to determine if the dredge is operating in accordance with that specific permit before turning additional permits on.
- Bobby Outten, Ken Willson, and Brad Rosov discussed surveying and dredging event requirements moving forward. Brad Rosov indicated the dredging notification will include survey data, plans showing where dredging will occur, how many days dredging will occur, and how many cubic yards. Another survey and summary of similar information must be provided post event. The draft conditions you all have seen are the generic conditions for all 5 permits, so conditions may be in the draft that will not be present in each permit. They will be customized for each permit.
- Bobby Outten stated they will allow dredging within reason of channels in different permits if they are adjoining. For example, Old House 1 and 2, which are in separate permits. Brad Rosov said the Corps will review what is submitted to determine what can be dredged, but having both the Katie Cut and Bar in one event makes sense.

### 3.0 Additional Comments

- Harry Schiffman motioned to prioritize the Oregon Inlet permit be reissued first. Bob Peele seconded. All in favor. Brad Rosov stated he will notify the Corps and begin required paperwork to have that permit reissued.
- Harry Schiffman motioned to have the non-federal channels permit reissued 2nd then the interior federal channel permits third. Jamie Reibel seconded. All in favor. Harry commented the Corps will be pipeline dredging Old House 2 later this fall or winter. Harry asked about the status of the Park Service SUP in Walter Slough. Brad had indicated that permit will be released after the Corps permit is reissued.

### 4.0 Adjourn

- Harry Schiffman motioned to adjourn.