NC Coastal Resources Advisory Council
Blockade Runner Beach Resort
Wrightsville Beach, NC
January 26, 2005
Meeting Summary

Attendance

Bob Shupe (Chair)
Bill Morrison (Vice-Chair)
Frank Alexander
Joe Beck
Anne Deaton (for Mike Street)
Webb Fuller
Rick Gardner
Jimmy Johnson (for Tom Ellis)
Joe Lassiter
Angie Manning
Gary Mercer
Wayne Mobley
Lee Padrick
Spencer Rogers
Dara Royal
Harry Simmons
Lester Simpson
Beans Weatherly
Dave Weaver
Ginger Webster
Calvin Wellons

Council Call to Order

Bob Shupe called the meeting to order at 3:00pm, with 21 members in attendance. The Council approved the October meeting minutes without amendment.

Election of Officers

Bob Shupe and Bill Morrison were presented as the only nominees for the posts of CRAC Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for 2005. Mr. Shupe and Mr. Morrison were elected by unanimous vote.

DENR Overview: the SEPA Process; Cumulative and Secondary Impacts Analysis & Initiatives

Robin Smith spoke about the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process, and the evolution of the Department's Cumulative and Secondary Impacts program. The Department continues to work with permit applicants, most notably the Department of Transportation, to improve the environmental review and permitting process. Ms. Smith estimated that stormwater accounts for as much as 90 percent of the cumulative and secondary impacts in projects that the Department reviews. One new approach that the Department is taking is address stormwater management from a planning perspective rather than on a project-by-project basis. Wayne Mobley commented that cumulative and secondary impacts are a huge concern in coastal waters, and that the Division of Shellfish Sanitation is continuing to work with other agencies to mitigate the impacts.

Western Wake County Area-Wide Secondary & Cumulative Impacts Mitigation Plan

Leila Goodwin, Water Resources Manager with the Town of Cary, described the Western Wake County Are-Wide Secondary and Cumulative Impacts Mitigation Plan. The Town drafted a Cumulative and Secondary Impacts Plan, and hopes to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with permitting agencies that will allow them simply to cite the plan in the environmental documentation for proposed projects and deal only with the direct impacts. The town hopes to have the MOU signed by April.

Results of CHPP Implementation Survey & Discussion
The Advisory Council started discussions on prioritizing the CHPP recommendations. The Council plans to continue the discussion in April and present rankings to the Commission as an aid to developing an Implementation Plan.

Adjourn
With no further business the Advisory Council adjourned at 4:55pm.