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MEMORANDUM **I&S-06-13**

TO: Implementation and Standards Committee

FROM: Bonnie Divito

SUBJECT: Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Subcommittee Update

At the November 2005 meeting, staff asked the I&S committee to consider the issue of estuarine shoreline erosion control policy. This issue is part of the Commission's CHPP Implementation Plan (Recommendation 3.4), which specifies that the CRC will establish a CRC/CRAC Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Subcommittee. The intent of this action is to revise estuarine and public trust shoreline stabilization rules using the best available information, considering estuarine erosion rates, and the development and promotion of incentives for use of alternatives to vertical stabilization measures. Chairman Hackney appointed an Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Policy Subcommittee, comprised of CRC and CRAC members Bob Emory (I&S Chair), Melvin Shepard (CRC), Chuck Bissette (CRC), Spencer Rogers (CRAC), and Ginger Webster (CRAC). The subcommittee met for the first time on February 14th to discuss subcommittee goals and objectives.

The subcommittee reviewed the previously developed (2000) Commission's Concepts and Principles for Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Policy Assessment and Development for appropriateness and validity. The subcommittee will finalize the updated list of Concepts and Principles that the subcommittee will use when reviewing the CRC's Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Policy at the next meeting.

The subcommittee also agreed that the original Estuarine Biological and Physical Processes Work Group should be reformed. They should continue with their work on making recommendations to the Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Subcommittee on which stabilization structures are recommended for defined shoreline types. The members of the Work Group are Martin Posey (UNCW), Tracey Skrabal (NCCF), Spencer Rogers (NC SeaGrant), Stan Riggs (ECU), Mark Brinson (ECU), Robert Christian (ECU), Anne Deaton (DMF), David Moye (DCM), Steve Benton (retired DCM). The first meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2006 in Wilmington.

The Estuarine Shoreline Stabilization Subcommittee will meet again on June 21, 2006 at 1pm to receive updates on the Estuarine Biological and Physical Processes Work Group and to start discussing the estuarine shoreline rules as they currently stand.

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