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NC Coastal Resources Advisory Council Holiday Inn Brownstone Raleigh, NC July 23, 2008 Meeting Summary

Attendance

Dara Royal, Chair	Y	Christine Mele	Y
Penny Tysinger, Vice Chair	Y	Gary Mercer	
Eugene Ballance		Wayne Mobley	
Bert Banks (Morgan Jethro)	Y	J. Michael Moore	Y
Joe Beck		William Morrison	Y
Randy Cahoon	Y	Elwood Padrick (Charles Halsall)	Y
Carlton Davenport	Y	W. Burch Perry	
Eddy Davis (Kevin Richards)	Y	Spencer Rogers	Y
Anne Deaton	Y	Frank Rush	Y
Christine Mele		Robert Shupe	Y
Webb Fuller	Y	Harry Simmons	
William Gardner, Jr.	Y	Lester Simpson	Y
Renee Gledhill-Earley		Paul Spruill	
Gary Greene		Ray Sturza	
Phil Harris	Y	Tim Tabak	Y
Judy Hills	Y	Joy Wayman	Y
Al Hodge	Y	Beans Weatherly	
Maximilian Merrill	Y	David Weaver	Y
Joe Lassiter	Y	William Wescott	
Travis Marshall	Y	Traci White	
Lyman Mayo		Rhett White	Y
Gary McGee		Don Yousey (David Stanley)	Y

Wednesday 21st

Call to Order

Dara Royal called the meeting to order at 1 pm and the Council approved the March 2008 minutes.

Chowan/Edenton Joint Land Use Plan

Charlan Owens, Elizabeth City District Planner gave a brief overview of the Edenton/Chowan Joint Land Use Plan. Owens characterized the area as 91% residential or agricultural with higher density development occurring in and around the Town. She noted several development projects including the Sandy Point mixed use development. Owens advised that none of the policies in the land use plan exceed state standards and that they are all being implemented through local ordinances.

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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners and Edenton Town Council adopted the land use plan at a joint meeting on June 23, 2008. The public had the opportunity to provide written comments to DCM up to fifteen (15) business days prior to the CRAC meeting and no comments were received. DCM Staff has determined that Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have met the substantive requirements outlined within the 2002 Land Use Plan Guidelines and that there are no conflicts evident with either state or federal law or the State's Coastal Management Program. DCM staff recommended that the CRAC forward the Chowan County/Town of Edenton Joint Land Use Plan to the CRC for certification, and it was unanimously approved.

Town of Atlantic Beach Land Use Plan

Maureen Meehan reviewed the Atlantic Beach Land Use Plan. She characterized the town as primarily single family but noted a large mixed-use redevelopment project at the Circle. Meehan advised that the Town is trying to maintain its image through the implementation of a "cottage" district, which limits development to single family residential use. There are several policies that exceed state standards pertaining to privately owned signs, floating homes and development of estuarine islands. The Atlantic Beach Town Council adopted the land use plan at a meeting on April 21, 2008. The public had the opportunity to provide written comments to DCM up to fifteen (15) business days prior to the CRAC meeting and no comments were received. DCM Staff has determined that the Town of Atlantic Beach has met the substantive requirements outlined within the 2002 Land Use Plan Guidelines and that there are no conflicts evident with either state or federal law or the State's Coastal Management Program. DCM staff recommended that the CRAC forward the Town of Atlantic Land Use Plan to the CRC for certification, and it was unanimously approved.

Town of Oak Island Land Use Plan Amendment

Mike Christenbury advised that the Town of Oak Island has a Consolidated Land Use Plan. Christenbury reminded the Council that with the merger of the Towns of Land Beach and Yaupon Beach resulted in a combined land use plan. While most inconsistencies have been addressed, the definition of marinas still differed and needed to be amended to make it consistent town-wide. In addition to adopting the CAMA definition of marinas, the Town has included policies regarding the siting of marinas, pumpout requirements, live-aboards, public access and participation in the State's Clean Marina Program. The Town of Oak Island held a duly advertised public hearing on June 10, 2008 and voted unanimously by resolution to adopt the amendment. The public had the opportunity to provide written comments to DCM up to fifteen (15) business days prior to the CRAC meeting and no comments were received. DCM Staff has determined that the Town of Oak Island has met the substantive requirements outlined within the 2002 Land Use Plan Guidelines and that there are no conflicts evident with either state or federal law or the State's Coastal Management Program. DCM staff recommended that the CRAC forward the Town of Oak Island Land Use Plan Amendment to the CRC for certification, and that was approved with two votes against.

Offshore Wind Farming

Bob Leker, Renewables Program Manager with the State Energy Office provided a detailed overview of the offshore wind farming issue in NC. Mr. Leker reviewed the water-based siting of wind facilities, discussed the wind resources available to NC and gave examples of inland projects and the technologies available of coastal wind development. Mr. Leker stated that due to the characterization of the available wind resource, the Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds hold the highest potential for wind energy development in NC. He advised that the top five coastal counties with the highest potential for wind energy are Dare, Hyde, Carteret, Tyrrell and Pamlico. Mr. Leker provided information on European wind farm activity and also cited several potential projects being developed in the US. Recent activities regarding wind energy development in NC have included: wind mapping and assessment, a demonstration site at Beech Mtn., state-wide public forums, development of a model wind ordinance, economic assessments, legal and permitting issues and development of a

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website (wind.appstate.edu). He concluded his presentation with a review of the potential impacts as well as the benefits of wind development in the State.

Doug Huggett reviewed the permitting issues associated with offshore wind farm development. Huggett noted that the P&SI Committee discussed this topic in 2005. The issue centers on 7H .0208(a)(1) regarding water dependent uses. The P&SI Committee was asked if wind turbines were water dependent and the Committee determined that they were not and therefore could not be permitted. In addition, 7H .0306 precludes development seaward of the first line of stable and natural vegetation which would precluded transmission lines being brought ashore. In 2005, the P&SI Committee decided that the rules should not be revised. Guy Stefanski advised the Council that the Ocean Policy Study Committee was addressing this issue at its next meeting in August. Given the changes in energy resources since 2005, the CRAC is recommending that it be directed by the CRC to study the permitting issues associated with offshore wind farm development.

New Business/Old Business

The Council adjourned at 2:50 pm in order to join the CRC meeting at 3 pm.

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd

Advisory Council met in session with CRC.

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