



2008 Report Card For the NC Coast

Beaches

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incomplete

Last year we wrote the next challenge was “Stretching scarce \$ by making restored beaches last longer.” NC Senate passed a bill allowing a terminal groin pilot project to help restored beaches last longer at inlets. Now it’s up to NC House to concur & **allow this useful tool**, not just more sandbags.

Inlets

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Some inlets are doing well, others are barely open. Despite strong public support, there is limited funding for dredging. Commercial fishing & charter boats are most dangerously impacted. Economy suffers and **safety is a major concern**.

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

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A year ago we stated “Time to engage other states.” So we’ve taken a leadership role in the **AIWA** & support creating a **Southeastern Coastal Alliance** towards that end. Even with most \$ for NC in years, **it’s not close to enough!**

Public Access to Beaches

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We almost lost an access at Wrightsville Beach. But thanks to WB mayor/council & Cape Fear Surfriders, #33 was saved. That gain was offset by lost ORV access on Outer Banks. NC access is better than most states, but **the need is growing**.

Public Access to Coastal Waters

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Last year we said “...an immediate, comprehensive and creative response by the state” was needed. The NC Legislature earns an “A” for the \$20 million Waterfront Access & Marine Industry Fund. Now they just need to do it **again & again!**

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Overall? Finding Dependable Funding over the long-term is the Key to Resolving Most of NC’s Coastal Issues
Creating a Study Commission on Coastal Funding could help!

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