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NCBIWA Retains Washington Lobbyist, Marlowe To Work on NC Inlets and Intracoastal Waterway Maintenance Funding

NC Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) is pleased to announce that, effective August 1, 2006 it has retained Marlowe & Company LLC, a Washington, DC governmental affairs consulting firm to work on securing adequate federal funding for maintenance of North Carolina's federally-authorized shallow draft inlets and its segment of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.



Howard Marlowe

We know that funding for these coastal maintenance projects is important to North Carolina's coastal communities. NCBIWA has made such work a priority for the newly-begun fiscal year. By taking this bold action of securing professionals in Washington to work with our Congressional delegation on a day-in, day-out basis, we hope to see funding levels increase and stabilize. Commercial and recreational boaters need to be able to rely on safe channels that are dredged and marked on a regular basis. Our coastal economy depends on these water resources, along with our beaches, for its very existence.

Marlowe & Company is the only Washington-based governmental affairs consulting firm specializing in water resource projects for local governments. Established in 1984, it currently represents the water resource interests of towns, counties and associations across coastal America, including several in North Carolina.

Marlowe staff reports: "In coordination with NCBIWA, we have developed a funding proposal for North Carolina's shallow-draft inlets in FY 2007. We have asked the North Carolina Congressional delegation to support a workable solution to maintain all five authorized inlets in the state. Each office has signaled their support for the proposal that would distribute funding among all of the inlets, providing state and federal authorities the resources and flexibility they need. We have maintained contact with staff members in the offices of Senator Dole, Senator Burr, Congressman McIntyre, and Congressman Jones. In addition, we have met with the water resources staff on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees."

Funding for this ongoing advocacy effort is provided from within NCBIWA's operating budget which is made up of annual memberships, sponsorships and donations from local governments, civic associations, businesses and individuals who care greatly about North Carolina's coast. We strive to be "The One Effective Voice for the North Carolina Coast."

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The 2006 Annual Conference

“Managing Coastal Sediment”

North Carolina Beach Inlet, and Waterway Association will hold its 2006 annual conference at the Carolina Beach Courtyard by Marriott on 13-14 November 2006. The theme of this year’s conference is “Managing Coastal Sediment.” Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) has been invited to address the conference.

The registration desk will open at 7:00 am on the 13th with the conference proceedings starting at 8:00 am on both days. Continental breakfasts are planned for both mornings with a box lunch to be provided on Monday (13th) and an awards luncheon on Tuesday (14th). Morning and afternoon networking breaks will be included on both days and a governmental interaction reception is planned for Monday evening.

While the breaks provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss topics of mutual interest, we are including an “info” break at 3:00 pm on Monday that will also provide an update on the dune restoration program on Topsail Island. Steve Mercer of Coastal Transplants will provide the update, so grab some ice cream and sit back and enjoy Steve’s presentation.

UNC-W Chancellor Emeritus and NCBIWA Board Member Dr. James R. Leutze will provide a report on the status of the AIWW economic study and Howard Marlowe, Marlowe & Company, LLC, will summarize efforts to obtain federal funding for North Carolina inlet & waterway projects. Marlowe & Company has been retained by NCBIWA to work on the State’s behalf in this endeavor.

Christine Brayman, Deputy District Engineer, Corps of Engineers Wilmington District and John Morris, Director, NC Division of Water Resources will provide updates of their programs. The Division of Coastal Management will bring us up-to-date on coastal management activities including on-going discussions of large structure set-backs and static vegetation lines. J.D. Solomon with CH2M Hill will report on the State’s proposed port expansion activities near Southport.

There will be numerous presentations on inlet sediment management projects in NC (Oregon, Beaufort, Bogue, Rich, Mason, & Shallotte Inlets) as well as examples from the State of Florida. We will also hear reports on the performance of the Bogue Banks beach nourishment project during Ernesto, the Bald Head Island groin field and much more. **So please mark the dates on your calendars and plan to join us. Hotel deadlines are less than a month away!**

Conference details, including an agenda and registration information, are now available for download online at www.ncbiwa.org. **Also see pages 6 & 7!**

Invited Speakers



US Sen. Richard Burr



Dr. Jim Leutze



Howard Marlowe



Christine Brayman

Waterfront Access Study Committee Gets Started

Several NCBIWA members participate in this important mission

The Waterfront Access Study Committee (WASC), as promulgated under N.C. Session Law 2006-248, Part XLV, will hold its first meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 in Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building, 300 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

At this first meeting the committee will review its charge, determine what information it needs and the sources of such information, discuss trends and potential techniques and management tools that might be used in this effort.

Membership of the Waterfront Access Study Committee

(As of 9-8-2006)

- (1) Director of the Sea Grant College Program of The University of North Carolina or the Director's designee. (Committee Chair) [Michael Voiland, Executive Director, North Carolina Sea Grant](#)
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- (8) Director of the Division of Coastal Management. [Charles Jones, Director, Division of Coastal Management](#)
- (9) President of the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association or the President's designee. The individual who serves in this position must also be a director of a public parks and recreation agency located in a coastal region as described in G.S. 143B 289.54(b). [Neal Lewis, Director, New Hanover County Parks and Recreation](#)
- (10) A representative of a local government located in the Northeast Coastal Region, as described by G.S. 143B 289.54(b), appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. [Allen Burrus, Co. Commissioner, Dare Co.](#)
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- (13) An economist appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. [Douglas Wakeman, Meredith College](#)
- (14) A representative of the residential building industry who builds in a coastal region as described in G.S. 143B 289.54(b), appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. [Buddy Milliken, The Milliken Company, Brunswick County](#)
- (15) A realtor licensed under Chapter 93A of the General Statutes, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep- resentatives. [Julia Wax, Emerald Isle Realty](#)
- (16) An individual involved in economic development in a coastal region as described in G.S. 143B 289.54(b), appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. [Dave Inscoe, Carteret County Economic Development Council](#)
- (17) A representative of the marine trades industry ap- pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. [Robin Mann, Paul Mann Custom Boats, Mann's Harbor](#)
- (18) A representative of the commercial fishing industry appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. [Hardy Plyler, Commercial Fisherman, Ocracoke](#)
- (19) A representative of the recreational fishing industry appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representa- tives. [Ernie Foster, The Albatross Fleet, Hatteras](#)
- (20) A social scientist appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. [Barbara Garrity-Blake, Cultural Anthropologist/Book Author, Gloucester](#)
- (21) A representative of the environmental community appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representa- tives. [Jim Stephenson, Program Analyst, NC Coastal Federation](#)

NCBIWA Comments:

Chairman Rick Catlin states:

"Over a year ago NCBIWA took the lead on finding solu- tions for inadequate and diminishing pub- lic water access. We are proud that several of our members have been appointed to this important committee. Our continued dedica- tion to insuring that all can find reason- able access to our coastal waters is fur- ther reflected in NCBIWA's commit- ment to set aside a significant amount of our 2006-2007 oper- ating budget to facili- tate solutions to this challenge."



NCBIWA At Work & In Pictures

All photos by
Harry Simmons, NCBIWA

Sometimes the best work at CRC meetings is done when the Commission is not meeting



Emerald Isle Mayor **Art Schools** (l) & Carteret County's **Rudi Rudolph** (r) listening to NCBIWA board & CRC member **Dr. Jim Leutze** (c) during a break in the June CRC meeting



Southern Shores Manager & CRAC member **Webb Fuller** enjoying some humor with **Dr. Jeff Warren** and Director **Charles Jones** of NC Division of Coastal Management



Dr. Orrin Pilkey (on stage) listening to a pointed question from NCBIWA board member **Charles Vincent** during the Q&A session following a September 12 presentation in Raleigh, sponsored by the DENR Library and the NC Museum of Natural Science



Surveying the **sandbags** protecting a public street on the east end of Ocean Isle Beach



At the 30th International Conference on Coastal Engineering (**ICCE**) in San Diego, **Spencer Rogers** of NC Sea Grant and **Paden Woodruff** of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection were among approximately 900 attendees from all over the world

September CRC Meeting: Issues For Your Attention

The **NC Coastal Resources Commission** will meet Thursday and Friday, **Sept. 21 & 22**, at the **Wilmington Hilton**, 301 N. Water Street. The meeting, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday, is open to the public.

The **Coastal Resources Advisory Council**, a group that provides the CRC with local government perspectives and technical advice, will meet at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Carolina Beach State Park, and at 9 a.m., Sept. 21, at the Wilmington Hilton.

The following items are on the CRC's agenda:

Update on CAMA Civil Penalties Authority (9 a.m. Friday) – Coastal Management staff will provide

an update on recent legislation passed by the N.C. General Assembly to allow increased civil penalties for CAMA violations.

Offshore Issues Update (9 a.m. Friday) – Coastal Management staff will provide an update on issues relating to offshore drilling for oil and natural gas, and wind energy.

Vegetation Line and Ocean Development Setback Discussions (I&S Committee, 1:30 p.m. Thursday) – Coastal Management staff will begin discussion of the “static” vegetation line and large structure setback issues.

Recommendations of Multi-slip Docking Facility Advisory Group (I&S Committee, 1:30 p.m. Thursday) – Walter Clark of N.C. Seat Grant will pre-

sent the committee's recommendations.

Land-Use Plan Certification (P&SI Committee, 1:30 Thursday) – Commissioners will consider certification of a CAMA Land-Use Plan for Wrightsville Beach.

Variance Requests (9 a.m. Thursday) – The commission will hear requests for variances from the state's coastal management rules.

Public Hearings (5 p.m. Thursday) – The public may comment on proposed changes to Public Hearing and Local Adoption Requirements, General Use Standards for Ocean Hazard Areas, and Technical Standards for Beach Fill Projects.

Full agenda is online at nccoastalmanagement.net

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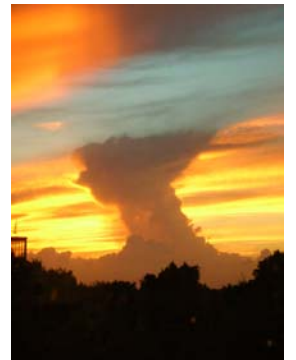
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The Final Word *Commentary by Harry Simmons, Editor*

Coastal Bits & Pieces:

I was honored in early September to be a session moderator during the **30th International Conference on Coastal Engineering (ICCE)** in San Diego. The weeklong conference takes place every other year and draws coastal engineers, active practitioners and academicians alike, from all over the world.

I was struck by how much information is available and how many different ways exist to deal with various coastal issues. New ideas and new approaches should be encouraged. We should be at the forefront of insisting that all options be considered in addressing the needs of NC's critically important coastal infrastructure.



The **C-** grade given to North Carolina's **public infrastructure** by the

American Society of Civil Engineers was not surprising to those of us who worked on the NCBIWA 2006 Report Card for the NC Coast, which we published last May. Regrettably ASCE did not include coastal infrastructure in their report card, especially since the 2005 national ASCE Report Card included beaches and other water resource infrastructure.

As the 2005 **ASCE** National Report Card noted: "Coastal areas are vital to Americans, providing a home for 53% of the nation's population on just 17% of the land area, as well as popular vacation destinations for American and foreign tourists. In fact, coastal areas generate almost 31% of the U.S. gross domestic product. Beaches provide shore protection in these areas, and have a tremendous national economic impact." That statement seems reason enough for the ASCE NC section to include the NC coast in its next report card.

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