



2007 Report Card For the NC Coast

Beaches

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We were fortunate to renourish all beaches scheduled for this year, through creative use of federal, state & local funding. "New starts" are still a problem. **Next challenge: Stretching scarce \$ by making restored beaches last longer.**

Inlets

C

Shallow draft inlets are functional only by diligent use of limited funds by Corps of Engineers with **key** aid from NC & local governments. Congress is being asked to restore full funding in **FY08**. **Public safety & the economy are tops.**

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

C

2006-2007 UNCW Recreational Boating Economic Impact Study shows that substantial benefits accrue to all levels of government. Must find a way to reasonably and equitably allocate maintenance costs. **Time to engage other states!**

Public Access to Beaches

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The brightest spot on our coastal landscape! Public access to beaches is growing annually, arguably due in part to requirements tied to beach nourishment. **The need? Expand funds to meet increasing capacity for public access.**

Public Access to Coastal Waters

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The April 07 report of the State Waterfront Access Study Committee confirms that "public access to coastal public trust waters is an important and urgent issue" needing "an immediate, comprehensive, and **creative response by the state.**"

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Overall: Better than last year's "C" but there is still much to do!

We are moving in the right direction. Studying, funding, then executing. **Steadying our focus on finding long-term solutions is critical!**

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