

For many years, the North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) has worked on the local, state and federal levels supporting and maintaining our beaches, inlets and waterways via policy and funding initiatives.

NCBIWA has advocated for state and federal funds for storm damage reduction projects, which provide critical protection and benefits to public and private infrastructure, small businesses, the tourism industry, public recreation, state and local tax bases, and the conservation of habitat for threatened and endangered species. We are concerned a loss of those funds could jeopardize all of these assets that make North Carolina's beaches among the most beautiful in the Nation.

A current lawsuit is challenging public access to our State's beaches. If the public no longer has the right to use our State's dry sand beaches, which would be a drastic change in actual practice, public funds for these essential projects would likely no longer be available, resulting in significant impacts to our State's economy as well as the public's enjoyment and environmental vitality of our coast.

Because of NCBIWA's history in protecting the public's access to North Carolina's beaches, we support the public's right to use our State's dry sand beaches and filed an amicus brief supporting the Town of Emerald Isle.