# North Carolina Beach and Inlet Management Plan (BIMP) 101

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  - What was Updated & Why
  - Results & Outcomes

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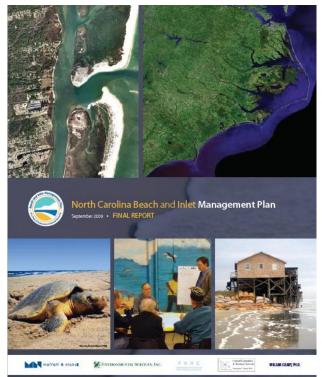


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### **BIMP Purpose & Need**

- Original BIMP authorized by Section 13.9cof HB 1840 (2000)
- > BIMP update authorized in HB 97 (2015)
- NC: 326 miles of ocean beaches, 19 active inlet complexes, known for beautiful barrier islands & coasts
- State committed to long-term conservation and management of the State's beaches & Inlets
- Agencies: Division of Water Resources & Division of Coastal Management
- Funding Priorities and Return on Investment

2009 2013

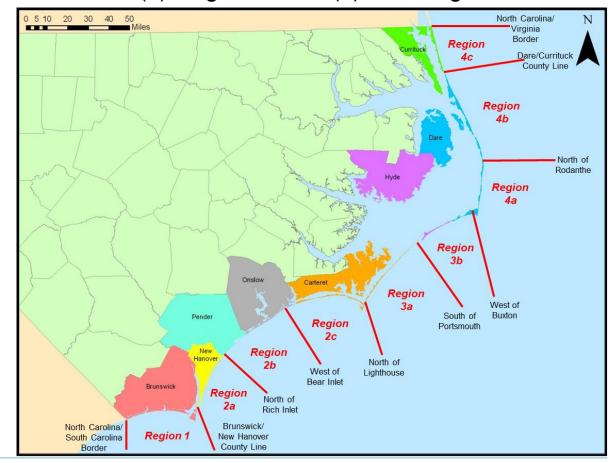




#### 2009 BIMP Data Collection

- Stakeholder Engagement: Working Group,BIMP Advisory Committee, Public Meetings
- Six Categories of Strategies
  - > Beach Nourishment
  - > Coastal Zone Management Practices
  - Storm Recovery Practices
  - Dredging
  - Sand Bypassing
  - > Inlet Management/Realignment
- Gathered Quantities, Costs to Manage
- > Economic Benefits of Management

Four (4) Regions, Nine (9) Sub-Regions



#### 2009 BIMP Results



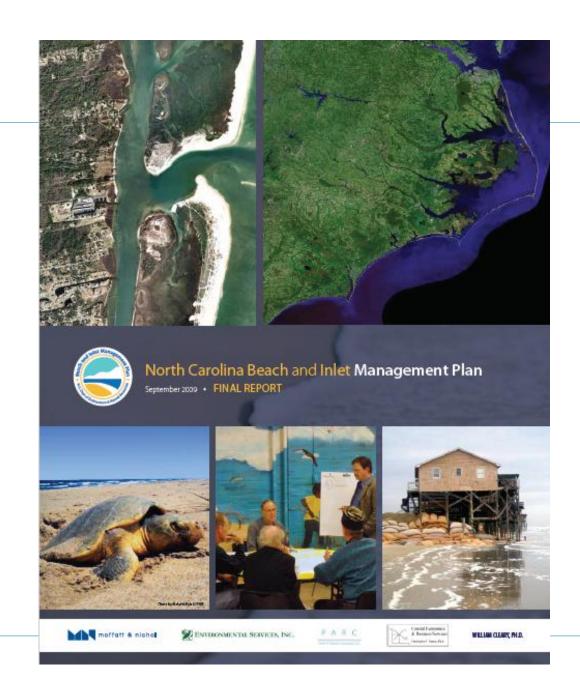
#### COSTS

- State of NC Should plan to have 4 to 5.5 Mcy of beach nourishment annually at cost of \$45-\$55 M per year.
- Inlet dredging costs add another \$30 M for a total of \$75-\$85 M per year
- \$30 M for dredging and beach nourishment
- If deep-draft included, state and local would be \$60-\$70 M
- State Funding Requirement: \$25 \$35 M/yr assuming State provides 40 to 50 percent of need.
- > If deep-draft included, \$30 \$42.5 M/yr

- > SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS
- > Recreation, Residential and Commercial Property,
- Commercial and Recreational Fishing, Marinas, Boat-Building Industry
- Direct Expenditures: \$3.0 B/yr
- > Economic Multipliers Added: \$4.8 B/yr
- > RECOMMENDATIONS
- Beneficial Use, Regional Sediment Management, and Best Practices to Protect Environmental Resources
- Leverage Federal Funding
- Establish Beach, Inlet, & Waterway Management Fund

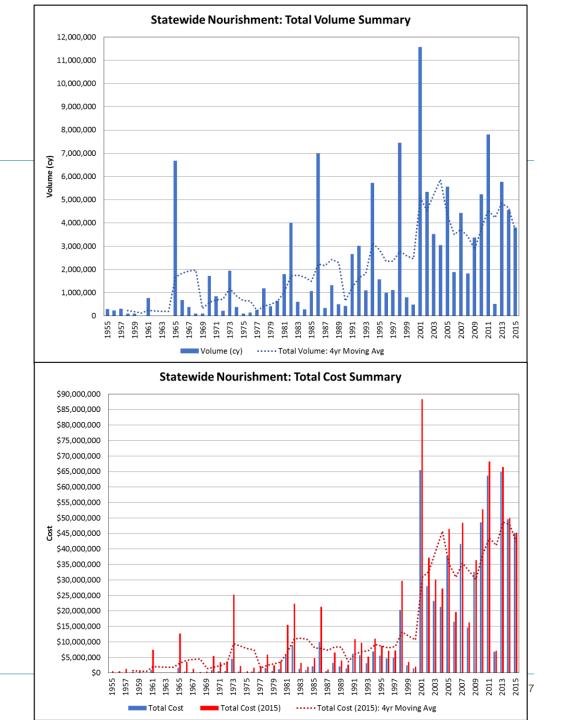
#### 2009 BIMP Outcomes

- Local, County, and Municipal Government Budget Planning
- Centralized Source of Local and Statewide Beach and Inlet Management Data for Environmental Documents
- Leveraging Information for Regional Planning Approaches
- 2013: Shallow Draft Navigation Channel and Lake Dredging Fund



## **2016 BIMP Updates**

- Update Dredging/Beach Nourishment/Sediment
   Resource Databases
- Update Projections and Estimate for Beach and Inlet Funding Need
- Update Analysis for Economic Effects of Beach and Inlet Projects
- Literature Review of Other States Funding Sources/Strategies
- > FEMA Engineered Beach Case Studies



#### 2016 BIMP Results: Beach Nourishment

- Beach Nourishment Volume Increased from
   1-2 Million cy/yr Historically to 4-5
   Million cy/yr in the 15 Years Before 2016
- Beach Nourishment Distance Increased
   From 1-4 miles per year historically to
   10-12 miles per year in the 15 Years
   Before 2016 (Half Federal, Half State/Local)
- \$5-\$10 Million Per Year Historically to \$50 Million Per Year In the 15 Years Before 2016 (Federal and State/Local Share Split Evenly at Approximately \$25 Million Each)

- Assuming <u>an Increase in Nourishment</u>

  Needs Based on Miles of Developed

  Shoreline, the **Estimated State/Local**Funding Need = \$40 Million Per Year
- Assuming Storm Losses and Potential Responsibility for CSDR Projects, the Estimated State/Local Funding Need = \$40 - \$60 Million Per Year
- Depending on State/Local Cost Share,
   State Funding Need = \$20 \$40 Million
   Per Year

#### 2016 BIMP Results: Inlets

- > State Fund for Shallow Draft Projects
- > Estimated Funding Need = \$23.25 Million Per Year (\$16.25 Million – Shallow Draft and \$7 Million – AlWW & Inland Waterways)
- Shallow Draft and Lake Dredging Fund Established in 2013 \$19 Million Per Year (State/Local Cost Share Changed in 2015 from 50/50 to 66/33)
- With Local Cost Share Included, Current Capacity With Shallow Draft and Lake Dredging Fund is \$28.5 Million Per Year

- > State Fund for Deep Draft Projects
- Current Deep Draft Funding = \$21.3 Million Per Year
- Estimated Funding Need = \$36.3 \$47.4
  Million Per Year

Estimated Funding Shortfall = \$17.5
Million Per Year

Separate Appropriation from General Assembly Recommended

#### 2016 BIMP Results: Return on Investment

#### **Shallow Draft Dredging**

- Current Shallow Draft Fund (\$19 Million/Yr)
  Is Adequate To Meet Both Current And
  Future Projected Needs And Should Be
  Kept As Is
- Shallow Draft Inlets In NC Provide \$651.8
   Million In Direct Impact, \$908.8 Million In Indirect Impact, and 13,220 Jobs.
- Approximates a ROI Of \$34.3/\$1 To \$47.8/\$1 Depending On Whether Economic Multiplier Effects Are Considered



Dredge Murden USACE Photo

#### 2016 BIMP Results: Return on Investment

#### **Beach Nourishment**

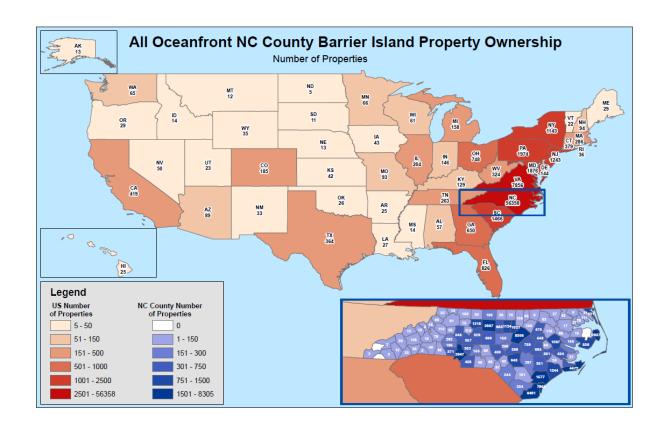
- Considering the Economic Impact to the Counties Outside of the Eight Coastal Counties Alone, the Investment of \$25 Million Provides \$1.406 Billion in Economic Impact (ROI = \$56/\$1) And Just Over 10,000 Jobs.
- If the Eight Coastal Counties are Included, the Economic Effect Goes to \$1.66 Billion Direct Impact (ROI = \$66.5/\$1) And \$4.74 Billion Indirect (ROI = \$189.9/\$1) With 48,718 Jobs
- Recommend State Beach Nourishment Fund



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#### 2016 BIMP Results & Outcomes

- > Shallow Draft Fund Continues
- > 2017: Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund G.S. §143-215.73M
- Stakeholder Engagement and Regional
   Collaboration Based on BIMP Framework
- Management of Shared Resources
- Justification of Legislative Expenditures



## **Why Update**

- State needs to know how dredging and beach nourishment needs and costs have changed
- > Identify potential new funding sources
- Add additional new economic benefits (e.g. aquaculture)

- Longer-term planning
- > Storms
- Dredging cost increases



NC Sea Grant Photo

## Thank you

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