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DAY 1 – Thursday, October 22	
7:00	**Breakfast** ***Sponsor:*** ***Currituck and Dare Counties and the Towns of Duck and Southern Shores*** **Meeting Coffee and Water** ***Sponsor:*** ***Brunswick County***
8:15	**Opening Remarks**-LeAnn Pierce, Chair, New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, Bobby Outten, Chairman, NCBIWA and Kathleen Riely, Executive Director, NCBIWA
SESSION 1: Regulatory & Policy Updates **Moderator: COL Steve Baker, Former Commander, Wilmington District, USACE**	
8:30	**USACE Update-**MAJ Bruce Merrill, Deputy District Commander, USACE Wilmington District, Robert (Bob) W. Keistler, PE, Wilmington District, USACE
9:05	**N.C. Division of Water Resources Budget/Policy Updates –** Kevin Hart, N.C. Division of Water Resources
9:30	**N.C. Division of Coastal Management (DCM) Program Update –** Gregg Bodnar, Major Permits Coordinator and Phil D'Angelis, Beach and Inlet Management Coordinator, North Carolina Division of Coastal Management
9:55	**National Flood Insurance Program Updates –** Lisa Sharrard, ANFI, CFM, Owner, Choice Flood Insurance, LLC
10:20	**Morning Break** ***Sponsor:*** ***New Hanover County***
SESSION 2: Coastal Resilience in Practice: Shoreline Stabilization and Restoration **Moderator: Robert Neal, Senior Engineer, Geosyntec**	
10:40	**Project Updates from Hatteras Island, Dare County –** Patrick Barrineau, PhD, PG, Coastal Science and Engineering
11:05	**More Than a Pile of Rocks: The Evolution and Rehabilitation of Folly Beach's Historic Groin System –** Fran Way, PE, Geosyntec Consultants of NC, PC and Dr. Nicole Elko, Elko Coastal Consulting, Inc.
11:30	**Natural Infrastructure and Beneficial Use to Support Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Mission –** Brennan Dooley, EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., PBC
11:50	**Mapping the North Carolina Coast at the Scale of the Problem: Wetland Erosion Assessment and Restoration Planning with the NC Coastal Federation –** Mason Harris, Natrx, Inc.
12:15	**LUNCH WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Congressman David Rouzer** **2026 AWARDS PRESENTATION** ***Sponsor:*** ***Town of Wrightsville Beach***

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	SESSION 3: The Future of NCBIWA and Sustainable Coasts **Moderator: Dawn York, Senior Coastal Scientist, Moffatt & Nichol**
1:45	**NCBIWA Strategic Plan-** Justin Whiteside, Town Manager, Ocean Isle Beach
2:10	**Panel Discussion: Beyond Beach Nourishment: Leveraging Federal Partnerships, Sediment Resources, and Local Investment to Sustain Oak Island's Coastline -** Kent Jackson, Town of Oak Island; Brandon Grant, Moffatt & Nichol; Douglas Piatkowski, Marine Biologist/Physical Scientist, Marine Minerals Administration (MMA), Robert (Bob) W. Keistler, PE, Wilmington District, USACE
3:10	**Afternoon Break** ***Sponsor: Town of Holden Beach***
	SESSION 4: Measuring Coastal Change: Advances in Surveying, Monitoring, and Analytics **Moderator: Ken Willson, Senior Program Manager, Coastal Protection Engineering**
3:35	**Sources of Error in Hydrographic Survey Volume Calculations -** Gregory Crenshaw, Geospatial Team Lead & Project Manager, Woolpert
4:00	**Integrating Manned and Unmanned Airborne Lidar for Coastal Survey and Management –** Ravi Soneja, CMS-Lidar, McKim & Creed
4:25	**Repeat Observations and Emerging Analytics for Improved Coastal Monitoring and Resilience -** Hilary F. Stockdon, Ph.D. and Christy M. Swann, Ph.D. RCOAST, Inc.
4:50	**Water Level Gauges Assessment and Installation –** Adam Spiller, Water South Service Line Leader, KCI and Crystal Moore, Water Resources Practice Leader, KCI
5:15	**NCBIWA Annual Meeting - NCBIWA Election of New Board Members and Officers**
5:25	**NCBIWA Board of Directors Meeting-Welcoming New Board Members and Officers**
5:35	**EVENING RECEPTION:** ***Sponsored by our (Diamond/Platinum Sponsor) Great Lakes Dredge and Dock*** ***HAPPY HOUR DRINKS: Sponsored by Sea & Shoreline, LLC and HDR***

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7:15	**Breakfast** ***Sponsor:*** ***Callan Marine*** **Meeting Coffee and Water** ***Sponsor:*** ***Brunswick County***
	SESSION 5: Regional Partners **Moderator: Justin Whiteside, Town Manager, Ocean Isle Beach**
8:30	**Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA) Update –** Brad Pickel, Executive Director, AIWA
8:55	**ASBPA Update-** Nicole Elko, Ph.D., Executive Director, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA),
9:20	**Center for Future Coastlines –** Caroline Lowcher, Ph.D., Northeast New Hanover Conservancy
9:45	**Update on UNCW'S Center for Marine Science: Flooding Initiative, PFAS, and New Infrastructure –** Kenneth M. Halanych, Ph. D., Executive Director of UNCW Center for Marine Science
10:10	**Networking Break** ***Sponsor:*** ***Village of Bald Head Island***
	SESSION 6: State and Federal Support for the Coast **Moderator: Beth Sciaudone, Coastal Engineer, Moffatt & Nichol**
10:35	**N.C General Assembly Update** N.C. Senators Norm Sanderson (Carteret), and Michael Lee (New Hanover) and Representatives Frank Iler (Brunswick)
11:00	**Surf City Coastal Storm Risk Management Project -** Kyle Breuer, Town Manager, Town of Surf City
11:30	**FEMA Public Assistance Funding - Navigating the Process from the Local Perspective** - Dustin Peele, Assistant County Manager, and Matt Motyka, Chief Financial Officer, Dare County
12:00	**Closing Remarks –** Bobby Outten, NCBIWA Chairman and Kathleen Riely, NCBIWA Executive Director **NETWORKING LUNCH** ***Sponsors:*** ***Carteret County and the Towns of Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, Pine Knoll Shores, Atlantic Beach and Beaufort***

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