Release of the Record of Decision for Bogue Banks Master Beach Nourishment Plan

All interested parties are hereby advised that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Wilmington District Regulatory Division has completed its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act 404(b)(1) analysis, and Public Interest review for Carteret County’s proposal to implement a long-term management plan within Waters of the United States, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, to provide shoreline protection along the approximately 25-mile Bogue Banks barrier island, Carteret County, North Carolina. Management components include the use of an offshore borrow area for periodic nourishment along approximately 18 miles of Pine Knoll Shores, Salter Path, Indian Beach, and Emerald Isle, with potential supplemental nourishment along approximately 5 miles of Atlantic Beach if needed and to conduct maintenance of Bogue Inlet ebb tide channel within a “safe box” zone to protect the inlet shoreline of Emerald Isle.

The District Engineer has received a request from Carteret County to authorize the implementation of Alternative 4 (Nourishment and Non-Structural Bogue Inlet Management or the Applicant’s Preferred Alternative), as described in Section 2 of the Record of Decision and in Section 3.3.4 of Final Environmental Impact Statement dated February 2018.

The Record of Decision to authorize the work is posted on the USACE, Wilmington District website at https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Permit-Program/Major-Projects/

The Department of the Army permit for this project has been issued; therefore the USACE is not requesting comments on the Record of Decision.