

Join Carteret Coalition to Protect Our Shores

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Join a growing group of concerned citizens, businesses, non-profit organizations, institutions and local governments who are united in their opposition to a 20-year federal plan (Dredged Material Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement or DMMP/EIS) proposed by two agencies that is not in the best interests of Shackleford Banks, Bogue Banks and the economic future of Carteret County and its citizens.

The Carteret Coalition to Protect Our Shores is dedicated to fighting this ill-conceived plan that would place, for the first time, dredged material on the beaches and nearshore area of Shackleford Banks, while substantially reducing ongoing beach re-nourishment efforts at Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach, and other parts of Bogue Banks.

The Coalition believes placement of sand on Shackleford Banks would provide little to no benefit and would disturb the natural conditions on Shackleford, which is managed as a national wilderness area.

Putting dredged material on Shackleford also would greatly reduce the amount of sand available for re-nourishment of Bogue Banks, where it is needed to protect valuable private and public investments, and continue to provide recreational uses for visitors and residents alike. By doing so, the federal plan also substantially reduces the amount of sand that the Corps has historically placed on Bogue Banks to offset impacts caused by the navigation project.

It is a bad plan that needs to be changed. All concerned citizens are urged to voice their opposition at a public hearing hosted by the Corps of Engineers and National Park Service Wednesday, January 15 from 6 to 8 pm at the Duke Marine Lab auditorium on Pivers Island.



What you can do to oppose the Federal Plan

As a member of the Coalition, voice your opposition to hurting both Shackleford Banks and Bogue Banks for the next 20 years.

- Attend the public hearing on the federal plan on Wednesday, January 15 from 6 to 8 pm at the Duke Marine Lab auditorium on Pivers Island and indicate your opposition by your attendance.
- Consider speaking against the plan at the January 15 public hearing.
- Submit written comments in opposition to the federal plan to the Corps of Engineers on or before Monday, February 3 so they will be considered during the evaluation and decision process.
- Encourage friends, co-workers, neighbors and family to oppose the federal plan to despoil the Shackleford Banks wilderness area by joining the Coalition's efforts, attending the January 15 public hearing and submitting written comments to the Corps of Engineers.

Why the Coalition opposes the federal plan that will hurt Shackleford and Bogue Banks

For the past century, the Corps of Engineers (Corps) has administered a federally-authorized navigation project known as the Morehead City Harbor Project (MCHP). The MCHP involves the Corps' regular dredging of Beaufort Inlet and disposal of dredged

material. The Corps recently issued a draft federal plan, which includes the placement of dredged material on the beaches of Shackleford Banks and in a nearshore area off the coast of Shackleford.

The Carteret Coalition to Protect Our Shores opposes the federal plan associated with the Corps'

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Morehead City Deep Draft Navigation Project as written:

- Because the effect of placing dredged material on Shackleford Banks provides little to no benefit and would have adverse effect on tourism, wildlife, fishing and the wilderness character of this protected area.
- Because this plan will adversely affect the economy and well-being of Bogue Banks by diverting beach quality dredge material from Atlantic Beach and Fort Macon Beach that provides protection from storms and improves beach quality for visitors and residents alike.

The Coalition is not opposed to the Deep Draft Navigation Project or beach re-nourishment as a means of disposing of dredge material. Both are beneficial to the economy of Carteret County and the State. However, the Coalition does believe that the misuse of dredged material and the potential harm to Shackleford Banks is likely to be detrimental to the economic future of the county, the region and the State of North Carolina.

More Background on the federal plan

The federal plan as originally conceived did not include disposal of dredged material on Shackleford Banks. But more than two years after the planning process was started, the National Park Service suddenly reversed a long-standing prohibition on disposal of dredge material and requested the Corps to include an option to place dredged material on Shackleford Banks.

The Coalition believes renourishment of Shackleford Banks will not result in any meaningful benefit to the island. In fact, due to concerns of rapid shoaling, the plan itself does not provide for the placement of dredged material in the most critical area of erosion on the western end of Shackleford Banks.

The Coalition opposes the federal plan proposed by the National Park Service and the Army Corps of Engineers and calls on the public to join its efforts in re-writing the plan to remove the preferred alternative of placing dredged material at Shackleford Banks.

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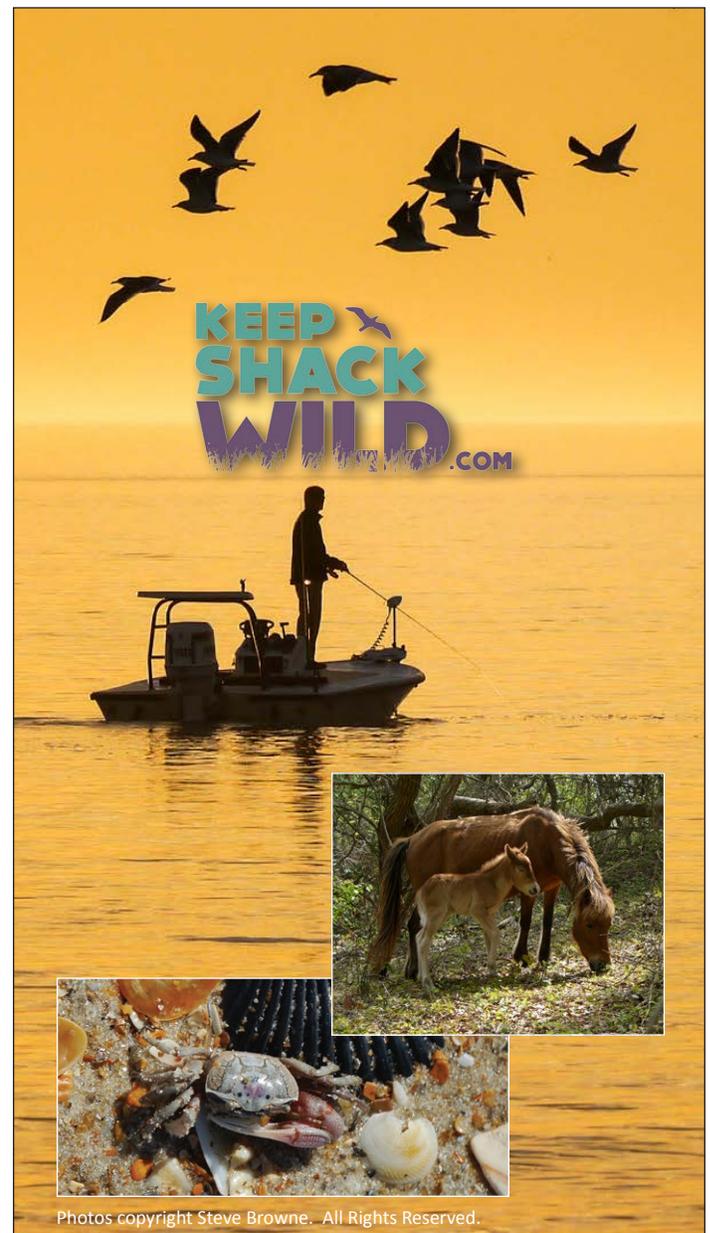
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Why the Carteret County Beach Commission is involved

The Beach Commission was created by the County Board of Commissioners to advise the board on strategies for beach nourishment, and among other duties, to:

1. Provide information to residents about beach nourishment and its benefits;
2. Improve public awareness of beach nourishment, programs and issues; and
3. Advocate for beach nourishment, issues and needs.

The Carteret County Beach Commission is a charter member of the Carteret Coalition to Protect Our Shores and is providing technical and financial support to the Coalition's efforts.



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