



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Wilmington District

Kill Devil Hills/Kitty Hawk/Duck
Beach Nourishment Project
Dare County, North Carolina
(REGULATORY)

- Proposed beach nourishment project.
- Increasing media, public and political Interest.



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC-3

DATE: 23 February 2015

1. PURPOSE:

To provide information regarding the status of the town of Kill Devil Hills, town of Kitty Hawk, and the town of Duck proposed beach nourishment projects located in Dare County, NC.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. The consulting engineering firm for the town of Kill Devil Hills, the town of Duck, and Kitty Hawk has completed a batched Environmental Assessment and batched Essential Fish Habitat Assessment for the three projects. The total project length for the town of Kill Devil Hills, the town of Duck, and the town of Kitty Hawk will be 2.75 miles, 1.7 miles, and 3.96 miles respectively. Approximately 4 million cubic yards of sand would be dredged from the Atlantic Ocean from three offshore borrow areas.

b. On December 25, 2014, the town of Duck submitted their application to place beach-quality sand on approximately 1.7 miles of beach shoreline in the town of Duck. Two of the borrow areas used for this project (Borrow Area A and Borrow Area C) are located in Federal Waters offshore of Dare County. By letter dated December 16, 2015, the Corps and the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management's (BOEM) have established and outlined each agencies roles and responsibilities for the projects' consultation and coordination efforts associated with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

3. **CURRENT STATUS:**

The Corps has been actively involved with the applicants and have provided information on questions involving seasonal work schedules, dredge types and methodologies, and procurement of offshore borrow sites. The town of Duck's application went out on Public Notice on January 15, 2015 and the comment period ended February 12, 2015. The Corps is presently gathering the comments to send to the applicant for response as required by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act procedures. The town of Kill Devil Hills and the town of Kitty Hawk are expected to submit their application within a couple weeks.