



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Wilmington District

Bald Head Island and Terminal Groin Project (Regulatory)

- **The Village of Bald Head Island (VBHI) proposes to construct a terminal groin on Bald Head Island.**
- **Concerns associated with the construction of a terminal groin along the oceanfront shoreline and ongoing litigation.**
- **The NC Division of Marine Fisheries and National Marine Fishery Service have expressed concerns related to larval transport and Atlantic sturgeon. The FWS relayed concerns regarding sea turtles and**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC - 7

DATE: 8 April 2013

1. PURPOSE.

To provide information regarding the current status of the VBHI's proposal to install a terminal groin structure on the western end of South Beach, adjacent to the Cape Fear Inlet navigation channel, Brunswick County, North Carolina. Action ID: SAW-2012-00040.

2. BACKGROUND.

a. With the passing of Senate Bill 110, which allows the installation of (4) terminal groins for the entire State of NC, the VBHI is vying to obtain the proper permits to construct one of four terminal groins. The town is pursuing authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, to protect residential houses and infrastructure along South Beach of the island by installing a terminal groin at the mouth of the Cape Fear River (along the navigational channel) at the southwestern tip of the island. The proposed terminal groin project would also include a beach nourishment component.

b. The Corps, in coordination with the NC Division of Coastal Management and the VBHI, has determined that the project proposal will be reviewed pursuant to the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) procedures with an EIS document being prepared by Land Management Group, Inc. (LMG), the selected third party contractor for this project. The scoping for this project was held in Southport, North Carolina on March 22, 2012. Two subsequent Project Review Team (PRT) meetings were held on April 24, 2012 and September 12, 2012.

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c. Issues surrounding the proposed groin field will be closely coordinated with the Corps due to past and likely foreseeable future litigation regarding allegations that Corps' maintenance activities in the federal channel have contributed to nearby shoreline erosion.

3. **CURRENT STATUS.**

The Draft EIS is currently under preparation by the third-party contractor, LMG.