



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Wilmington District

Holden Beach Terminal Groin Project, Brunswick County, NC (Regulatory)

- **Regulatory Action:** Reviewing the town's proposal, pursuant to NEPA/EIS procedures, to install a terminal groin and place material along the oceanfront shoreline.
- **Current Concerns:** Use of terminal groins/installation of a hardened structure along the oceanfront shoreline. Implementation of Senate Bill 110.
- **Third party contractor preparing preliminary draft EIS.**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC - 07

DATE: 8 April 2013

1. PURPOSE:

To provide information regarding the current status of the town of Holden Beach proposal to install a terminal groin structure on the eastern end of Holden Beach, Brunswick County, North Carolina. Action ID: 2011-01914.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. At the request of Holden Beach, an interagency meeting was held on October 12, 2011, at the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office in Wilmington to discuss their plans to protect the eastern end of Holden Beach. With the passing of Senate Bill 110, which allows the installation of (4) terminal groin projects for the entire state of NC, the town of Holden Beach is vying to obtain the proper permits in order to be included as one of the four. The town will be 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 the eastern end, which borders Lockwoods Folly Inlet. At this time, plans do include some dredging in the inlet channel and/or the connector channel with the AIWW for supplemental coastal storm damage reduction nourishment.

b. The Corps has determined, in coordination with the NC Division of Coastal Management and Holden Beach, that the project proposal will be reviewed pursuant to the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) procedures with an EIS document being prepared by a third party

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c. contractor. On January 11, 2012, the Corps confirmed the selection of DC&A as the third party contractor.

d. The Federal Register Notice of Intent (NOI) for the project was published on February 24, 2012 and an initial public scoping meeting was held on March 8, 2012. A Project Review Team (PRT) was formed and the first meeting was conducted on September 6, 2012. Agenda topics for discussion were identified which included a stated Purpose and Need for the project, compiling a list of reasonable alternatives, and reviewing the current data results of the engineers modeling effort.

3. **CURRENT STATUS:**

On-going coordination between the engineer, third party contractor (DC&A), and the Corps continues. DC&A has begun the initial preparation of the preliminary draft EIS with input from the Corps.