

SECTION 2.0 – SCOPING

2.1 SUMMARY OF SCOPING

The scoping phase of the environmental analysis process was initiated subsequent to the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare and Environmental Impact Statement in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2012 (a copy of the NOI is provided in Appendix C). The NOI provided a brief purpose and need statement and identified the Applicant's proposed action to satisfy the identified need. A Public Notice (PN) was subsequently issued March 14, 2012 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Wilmington District (Action ID No. SAW-2012-00040). The PN provided a brief description of the proposed action and information that would allow for the public to submit comment on the proposed action. The PN also identified the date and meeting location for the Public Scoping Meeting. The Public Scoping Meeting was subsequently held in Southport on March 22, 2012.

At the Public Scoping Meeting, the USACE provided a description of the environmental review process and the project engineer provided an overview of the existing conditions and proposed action for the Village's Shoreline Protection Project. In an effort to include the input of the public, interested stakeholders, and federal and state agencies, the USACE solicited comments regarding topics to be addressed in this EIS from those individuals in attendance at the meeting via the use of smaller break-out sessions. Meeting notes for the Public Scoping Meeting are provided in Appendix C.

2.1.1 Project Review Team

Scoping also included the development of a Project Review Team (PRT) to solicit input on issues to be addressed in the EIS, the range of alternatives to be considered, and the environmental analyses necessary to allow agencies to reach their respective permit decisions. The PRT consists of members representing various entities, including but not limited to: federal and state regulatory agencies; federal and state resource agencies; non-profit environmental organizations; and the Village of Bald Head Island. The complete list of members of the PRT is provided in Table 2.1.

Two PRT meetings were held prior to the development of the DEIS. These meetings were held on April 24, 2012 and September 12, 2012, respectively. Notes from each of these meetings are provided in Appendix C.

Note that the USACE scheduled and held an interagency meeting via the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) “One-Stop” meeting format in an effort to obtain input and comments from any federal and state agency personnel that did not have the opportunity to attend the Public Scoping Meeting. This meeting was held on March 28, 2012. The notes for this meeting are included in Appendix C.

2.2 ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING SCOPING

As part of the Public Scoping and Public Notice process, the USACE received several comment letters regarding the proposed action and the environmental review process. Comment letters received during the scoping process are provided in Appendix C. Appendix C also includes a table summarizing the comments received through scoping and identifies the specific section in the DEIS where the comment is addressed. The comments are organized by general category. Note that the summary table is not intended to be an exhaustive description but rather a synopsis of the nature of the comments received. Refer

to comment letters in Appendix C for specific comments received. While all comments have been considered in the creation of this EIS, not every issue on this list was evaluated in detail.

Table 2.1. Project Review Team Members.

NAME	REPRESENTING
Beter, Dale	USACE – Wilmington District – Regulatory Chief
Timpy, Dave	USACE – Wilmington District – Project Manager
McCorcle, Justin	USACE – Wilmington District – Legal Counsel
Piatkowski, Doug	USACE – Wilmington District (Environmental Section)
Horton, Todd	USACE – Wilmington District (Navigation)
Dennis, Bill	USACE – Wilmington District (Coastal Engineering)
Ellis, John	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Sechler, Ron	National Marine Fisheries Service – Habitat Conservation Division
Huggett, Doug	NC Division of Coastal Management
Wilson, Debbie	NC Division of Coastal Management
Coats, Heather	NC Division of Coastal Management
Dunn, Maria	NC Wildlife Resource Commission
Godfrey, Matthew	NC Wildlife Resource Commission
Allen, David	NC Wildlife Resource Commission
Rohde, Fritz	National Marine Fisheries Service
Baker, Jessie	NC Division of Marine Fisheries – Wilmington
Coburn, Chad	NC Division of Water Quality
Giles, Mike	NC Coastal Federation
Rogers, Spencer	University of North Carolina at Wilmington, NC Sea Grant
Dorsey, Suzanne	Bald Head Island Conservancy
McCall, Chris	Village of Bald Head Island (VBHI) Shoreline Protection Manager
Peck, Calvin	VBHI – Village Manager
Sayre, Andy	VBHI – Mayor
Baldwin, Charles	Attorney for VBHI (Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP)
Olsen, Erik	Olsen & Associates, Inc., consultant to the applicant
Howard, Steve	Olsen & Associates, Inc., consultant to the applicant
Preziosi, Christian	Land Management Group, Inc., 3 rd party USACE Contractor
Stasavich, Laura	Land Management Group, Inc., 3 rd party USACE Contractor