

State Goal Followed by Accomplishment:

Protect Shallow Draft Inlet Funding

- Some funds were used for administrative support within DCM and some used as part of loan to Dare County for dredge construction. However, the fund balance seems sufficient to meet requests for local inlet dredging projects.

Request NC Coastal Storm Damage Funding

- The state legislature earmarked \$18.5 million dollars to DCM this year, but a fund distribution plan to local municipalities is still under development.

Acquire NC and FEMA Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Funds

- Topsail Beach, Surf City, and N. Topsail Beach have all been approved for or received some reimbursement from FEMA for Category G projects although Surf City received significantly less than originally expected. The three towns also received a state hurricane disaster grant in the amount of \$5 million dollars split equally between the three municipalities

Defeat attempts to increase Homeowners insurance in coastal areas

- We continue the effort to demonstrate that coastal rates should be more in line with other regions of the state.

Remove state restrictions on how Terminal Groin projects are funded

- These restrictions have been discussed and work continues on approaches to overcome them.

Request funding to study the potential positive impact of a terminal groin on New Topsail Inlet boating navigation

- This goal is still in preliminary discussion with legislators in Raleigh.

Request the state to find locations to dispose of non-federal project dredge materials

- NCBIWA and DCM have taken on this issue and developed a 'white paper' for management of non-federal dredge materials, while DCM is developing a comprehensive list of all the dredge disposal sites and their characteristics in the state.

Request that NCDEQ study and develop rules that permit the construction of revetments that prevent the flooding of the sound-side of barrier islands

- This goal is still in preliminary discussion with DCM

Develop method to assist towns with funding response provided by FEMA

- This goal should be moved to Federal Goals and indeed a 2020 federal goal is better coordination by FEMA for the entire island.

Notify TISPC of pending legislation that impacts Topsail Island

Federal Goals:

Continue to lobby for the passage of S.1745 and H.R.4692 CBRA Legislation for NTB

- These two bills were re-introduced to Congress as S.1406 by Senator Tillis and Senator Burr and as H2834 by Rep. Rouzer who was joined in late 2019 by Rep. Murphy. Local discussions are in progress to address concerns of opposition parties and we continue to lobby for these bills during March Washington Week.

Request legislation to allow inlet sand inside CBRS for beach restoration

- The US Fish & Wildlife Service amended it's rules on this in December such that federal money can now be used to move sand in CBRA map units for beach nourishment. A long-term legislative amended to support this rule is still important to TISPC.

Lobby for new-start funding for the Surf City/N. Topsail Beach Shoreline Protection Project

- After a 15 year process and 10 years after the project was approved, new start funding for the Surf City/NTB Federal Project was announced by the US Army Corps of Engineers in January, 2020. Senator Tillis, and Senator Burr were instrumental in this process.

Find solution that allows FEMA funds administration to work in real time

- FEMA has a lot of checks and balances in their process for reviewing claims. It difficult for municipalities to start recovery without funding assurances. March Washington Week is one way to bring this issue to FEMA.

Request that the NC Congressional Leaders notify the TISPC of pending legislation that impacts Topsail Island beach, inlet or sound

Other Goals:

Participate in efforts to obtain NC Coastal Storm Damage Funding

- See bullet two under state goals.

Develop working relationships with conservation groups that impact Topsail Island

- We are now working with the N. C. Coastal Federation on sound-side flooding issues.
- We have reached out to the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital to work with us.

Be involved with the understanding and impacts of off-shore drilling and exploration

- Each town has passed a resolution opposing off-shore drilling and seismic testing.

Be involved with the understanding and the impact of sea-level rise on coastal and sound-side flooding

- This is an ongoing discussion at commission meetings and when attending beach conferences.

Be involved with the understanding and the impact of developing oyster farms on the commercial shell fishery industry and the environment.

- Members of the commission have attended CRC quarterly meetings to stay informed as the state develops new rules for oyster farming.

Be involved with the understanding of CRC regulations as they impact dune structures and other flood control measures for communities.

- Members have attended CRC meetings and given public comment in various CRC public hearings on unvegetated dunes and proposed changes in NC inlet hazard area boundaries.

Be involved with efforts to find solutions for spoil areas for the disposal of non-federal dredge materials

- We continue to support this effort by NCBIWA and DCM. See details above.