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TISPC December 2022 Legislative Update

The General Assembly will have its final one day special session for 2022 on December 13th. There are no votes that are anticipated to be taken that day. The long session starts in January with a short organizational session planned, a brief break and then the General Assembly returns again later that month for the regular session. Since the election legislators have been busy meeting with many stakeholders regarding issues and bills before session starts.

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery will be meeting on 12/14/22 where CEO Laura Hogshead, NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency, and Sec. Eddie Buffaloe, NC Dept. of Public Speaking, have been asked to answer status questions on Hurricanes Matthews and Florence.

The Division of Water Resources held a public hearing on 11/14/22 Proposed Temporary Rules for the Shallow Draft, Aquatic Weed and Coastal Storm funds. These new rules were required in this year's state budget. Attached to this e-mail is a pdf of the proposed temporary rules.

Kevin Hart, DWR, has sent out a notice that on Wednesday January 18, 2023 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM DWR/USACE will hold the next Long Term MOA stakeholders meeting. The meeting this quarter will be held virtually using Webex. At this meeting, the NC Division of Water Resources staff will brief attendees on the recent projects, status of the MOA and Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund, and any policy updates since the last meeting. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff will make a presentation on recent inlet maintenance work, current conditions at the major inlets, and future shallow draft navigation channel maintenance activities. The meeting reminder, agenda, and webinar information will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date. We look forward to meeting with you all.