



Minutes

Dare County Oregon Inlet Task Force Meeting

Dare County Administration Building
Manteo, NC

9:30 a.m. September 9, 2025

Attendance: Steve House, Harry Schiffman, Jamie Reibel, Bob Peele, Greg Mayer, Russ King, Anthony Lloyd, Brownny Douglas

Staff: Barton Grover

Others in Attendance: Jordan Hennessy, Brad Rosov, Erin Weller

- **Welcome guests**
 - Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Chairman House.
- **Review Minutes- July 15, 2025**
 - Bob Peele motioned to approve minutes. Anthony Lloyd seconded. All in favor.
- **USCG ANT Wanchese Update**
 - Coast Guard not present
- **U.S. Army Corps Update**
 - Erin Weller reported Gator Dredging has mobilized, however are stuck on the other side of a bridge in Virginia until the bridge is fixed in the next couple of days. Upon arrival they will begin dredging Old House Channel Range 2.
 - Steve House asked for an update on survey frequency. Erin Weller stated they did perform an updated survey of the Ocean Bar and she will have a conversation with her superiors on frequency. The Corps is down to two crews and no crew at all in Morehead City.

- **EJE Dredging Update**

- Jordan Hennessy reviewed the August dredging report. The Miss Katie dredged approximately 20,821 from the Bar, approximately 38,795 from the Alternate Channel, approximately 11,138 from Old House Range 2, and approximately 7,801 from Range 14-17.
- The Miss Katie is now targeting the channels from Wanchese Harbor to Range 17 and dredged the Ocean Bar last week after the recent wind event.

- **CPE Update**

- Brad Rosov updated the Task Force on recent dredge events. The Miss Katie has been operating in the Alternate Channel and Ocean Bar. Once the Hatteras Connector Channel event is approved, the Old House 1 dredge event and Wanchese to Old House 2 dredge event will be closed out and a post-con survey will need to be performed.
- Brad Rosov reported that CPE is working on the permit modification for Oregon Inlet as discussed at the previous workshop meeting. This proposed modification will include widening the Alternate channel to 200ft, adding funnels, changing language to dredging best navigable water, and increasing the ocean bar over-depth authorization by 1ft. In addition, the survey requirement window would be increased to 14 days after a dredge event to give the contractor some breathing room to complete the survey in case of weather or any other impediment that would limit the ability to survey.
- Steve House asked when that modification will be submitted. Brad Rosov said their folks are working on putting the drawings together and gathering the requisite documents to submit to the Corps, National Park Service, and DEQ. Brad will provide a draft to the Task Force before submittal. Brad Rosov shared diagrams with the Task Force of proposed funnels and indicated they will base it on the entrance to Wanchese funnel using the same geometry. However, the requested modification will create a 200ft wide Alternate Channel, whereas the Wanchese channel is 100ft wide. Therefore, Brad said he could not provide exact dimensions currently, but would do so in the draft to be provided to the Task Force.

- **Administrative comments**

1. Current Budget
 - .1.1 Miss Katie DEQ Contract Remaining Funds (as of March 31)
 - .1.1.1 Oregon Inlet – \$8,500,000

- .1.1.2 Wanchese to 17ext. - \$1,000,000
 - .1.1.3 Crack & Walter Slough - \$2,000,000
 - .1.1.4 Old House 2 - \$500,000
- 2. Barton Grover stated we have received all new cost share contracts for FY26
- 3. Barton Grover stated there will be mandatory training for a minimum of two board members in Manteo, Kill Devil Hills, or Buxton. Details on date and time have been shared via email. Bob Peele asked what the training is for. Steve House stated it is a refresher on government rules for meetings and boards. There was an issue in another part of the State that led to this meeting being offered. Bob Peele offered to attend and Anthony Lloyd stated he would also attend.
- 4. Steve House commented that once the Hatteras Connector event is complete, the Miss Katie will have the ability to perform another event in addition to the Alternate Channel/Ocean Bar event. Harry Schiffman asked the Task Force about traffic in and out of the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. Greg Mayer said it is slowing down, but there has been a fair amount of traffic with the marlin fishing. After this upcoming blow, Greg said it would slow down even more. The Miss Katie would not be in the way and the fleet can communicate with it via radio if needed. Jamie Reibel said there are shallow spots in Walter Slough the Miss Katie could address. Jamie Reibel motioned for the Miss Katie to dredge the Crack & Walter Slough upon return from the Hatteras Connector dredge event. Bob Peele seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Jamie Reibel noted the shoal to the east of the bridge is shifting north. Jordan Hennessy agreed and commented the channel is still 400ft wide, but buoys need to be moved.
- 6. Harry Schiffman expressed his appreciation to EJE Dredging for getting the job done to address shoaling in Old House Channel Range 2.

- **Adjourn**

Bob Peele motioned to adjourn. Harry Schiffman seconded