



## Minutes

### Dare County Oregon Inlet Task Force Meeting

Dare County Administration Building  
Manteo, NC

9:30 a.m. October 14, 2025

Attendance: Steve House, Harry Schiffman, Jamie Reibel, Bob Peele, Greg Mayer, Anthony Lloyd

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- September 9, 2025**
  - Bob Peele motioned to approve minutes. Anthony Lloyd seconded. All in favor.
- **USCG ANT Wanchese Update**
  - Patrick Tallant reported multiple buoys off station or extinguished in the Alternate Channel and the Oregon Inlet Ocean Bar. Due to the shoal east of the bridge moving in from the south, the Coast Guard will shift buoys 8, 9, 10, and 11 north to make the channel wider. In addition, the Coast Guard will add a buoy 9A east of the bridge. Patrick Tallant stated they will address these issues once weather conditions improve. Once Gator Dredging has finished dredging Old House Channel Range 2, the Coast Guard will reset the buoys in that channel. Patrick went on to state that the upcoming Saturday appeared to be the next weather window to address these buoy issues.
  - Greg Mayer indicated buoy 12 was off station west of the bridge. Greg commented that the original location of the buoy was in a great spot, it made the channel narrow to avoid the shoaling from the north. Patrick Tallant commented 12 would be reset and 13 moved over to open up some room.

- **U.S. Army Corps Update**

- Erin Weller reported Gator Dredging is not operating due to weather conditions. They have been operating in the outer portion of Old House Channel Range 2, Stations 147 to 231. Once Gator returns to work, it is expected dredging will continue for an additional 3 to 4 weeks. Barton Grover shared a survey of Old House Channel Range 2 to show the area Gator is operating in. Jamie Reibel noted the 3 to 1 side slope graphic on the Corps survey and asked for confirmation that the Corps is not allowing the Miss Katie to dredge the side slopes. Barton Grover confirmed and also noted that the Dare County permits included side slopes.
- Steve House asked for an update on survey frequency. Erin Weller stated they are short staffed and the Wanchese crew is covering for the Morehead City office. She indicated the Corps is performing the surveys as quickly as they can.

- **EJE Dredging Update**

- Jordan Hennessy reviewed the September dredging report. The Miss Katie dredged approximately 21,876 from the Bar, approximately 30,467 from the Alternate Channel, approximately 2,106.4 from Old House Range 1, and approximately 11,933 from Range 14-17ext.
- The Miss Katie dredged approximately 22,598 cy from the Hatteras Connector Channel in September.
- Due to shoaling from the recent weather systems, the Miss Katie has been addressing the Alternate Channel adjacent to the bridge. Once weather improves, the Miss Katie will return to working on the Ocean Bar.

- **CPE Update**

- Brad Rosov updated the Task Force that the Oregon Inlet permit modification request has been submitted to the agencies. That modification includes widening the Alternate Channel to 200 ft as well as adding two funnels. These funnels would be located at the northern end of the Alternate Channel as well as the Oregon Inlet West Channel where it intersects with Old House Channel. Brad Rosov continued that the request included the ability to follow best navigable water and an additional one foot of over-depth on the Ocean Bar to mirror the Corps authorization. Lastly it would increase the amount of time for post-con surveys to be performed to 14 days post-dredging in case situations such as weather prevented a survey being performed within 7 days. Those modification

requests were submitted on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. DCM will be treating this as a Major Permit modification, so this will take some time to process.

- **Administrative comments**

1. Current Budget

- .1.1 Miss Katie DEQ Contract Remaining Funds (as of August 31st)

- .1.1.1 Oregon Inlet – \$7,221,623

- .1.1.2 Wanchese to 17ext. - \$843,590

- .1.1.3 Crack & Walter Slough - \$2,000,000

- .1.1.4 Old House 2 - \$293,632

2. Barton Grover stated remaining amounts are a reflection of what has been invoiced. Most recent invoice included dredging up to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

3. Barton Grover continued that the Task Force motioned at the last meeting for the Miss Katie to address the Crack & Walter Slough, so the required pre-construction materials such as surveys will be performed soon to submit that request. In addition, a new survey will need to be performed at the end of October in Oregon Inlet for the next quarter of dredging.

- **Adjourn**

Jamie Reibel motioned to adjourn. Bob Peele seconded