

NC Coastal Resources Advisory Council
February 25th, 2026
Dunes Club
Atlantic Beach

Attendance

Robert “Bobby” Outten (Chair)	Ryan Davenport
Webb Fuller	David Hewett
Spencer Rogers (Co-Vice Chair)	David Kellum
Kyle Breuer	Kris Noble
Daniel Adams	Megan Morgan
Sandy Cross (Co-Vice Chair)	Debbie Smith
Frank Buxton	Dave Weaver
	Mike Lopotanski

Call to Order

Bobby Outten called the meeting to order with 15 members in attendance and stated the CRAC agenda included three agenda items.

CRC Subcommittee Recommendations

Chair Bobby Outten stated the CRC discussed the Inlet Hazard Area setbacks, the hybrid vegetation line, and grandfathering. A subcommittee was formed and met in Ocean Isle Beach to discuss the problems in the IHA. The Science Panel worked on the erosion rates and the volatile areas around the inlets where accretion and erosion happen on shorter cycles which is risky for development. Following a second meeting, the subcommittee determined that structures can be replaced if the grandfathering rules could be met. This would protect property rights and not trigger a substantial economic impact. The CRAC is recommending the CRC adopt the erosion rates along with rule amendments that accomplish the goals to allow structures to be rebuilt as far back as possible.

Summary of N.C. Sediment Criteria Rules

The sediment criteria rules were also discussed by the CRAC. If the sand sizes were broader, it would provide for a larger amount of sediment to be available. Beach nourishment is expensive and sand is being used at a high rate. We could expand the sand sources if we increased the allowable sand size. The CRAC is asking the CRC to ask the Science Panel to look at this issue and whether there is more flexibility that could be allowed to be placed on the beaches. The last item discussed was sentinel sites and permitting.

Research Equipment General Permit Updates

The CRAC asked staff to present rules for sentinels and the language provided allowed for a five-year permit, language that required the permission of the landowner, and a provision which allowed for certain exceptions. The CRAC recommends the CRC move forward with the sentinel rules provided by staff with the minor amendments.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were received.

Adjourn

With no further business the Council adjourned.