

NC Coastal Resources Advisory Council
November 21, 2025
Beaufort Hotel
Beaufort, NC

Attendance

Robert “Bobby” Outten (Chair)	Ivy Ingram
Webb Fuller	Ryan Davenport
Spencer Rogers (Co-Vice Chair)	David Hewett
Kyle Breuer	David Kellum
Daniel Adams	Kris Noble
Sandy Cross (Co-Vice Chair)	Meghan Morgan
Frank Buxton	Debbie Smith
John Spruill	Dave Weaver
Candy Bohmert	Mike Lopozanski

Call to Order

Bobby Outten called the meeting to order with 18 members in attendance and stated the CRAC agenda included three agenda items, however only two items were discussed.

IHA and Setback Factors

Ken Richardson provided a robust discussion on the Inlet Hazard Areas (IHA) which prompted the question of whether to continue the status quo with regards to setbacks within the IHAs or move forward with the hybrid model the Science Panel is recommending. No conclusion was reached by the Advisory Counsel. The consensus was that the recommendation from the Science Panel would work, with consideration for grandfathering and impacts to existing lots. The CRAC asked staff to come back to the CRAC with rules that consider grandfathering for discussion to bring a recommendation back to the full CRC for discussion.

Vegetation Line Setbacks in IHA

Spencer Rogers gave a presentation on the Science Panel’s perspective for the Hybrid Vegetation Line in Inlet Hazard Areas. He reminded everyone that the HVL is a 5-year line unlike the First Line of Stable Natural Vegetation Line or Pre-project line. He also suggested that there might be many ways to pull some of the “would be” non-conforming structures into compliance besides grandfathering rule language. Staff plan to discuss further with the science panel and

Research GP

Jonathan Lucas provided discussion regarding the need for rules for not just sentinel sites but to also enable scientists to do their work for unique requests which don’t fit within the current permitting process. The CRAC asked considered staff’s position but requested staff to bring back rules that accommodate the sentinels specifically, stating they were exigent and therefore require prioritization for rule making consideration.

Sediment Criteria Discussion

The CRAC was unable to have this discussion, but Bobby touched on the need to learn about the history of the criteria and why the rules are the way they are. There is consideration that increasing the allowable grain size slightly could open up a larger supply of material to be placed on the beaches. Staff agreed to come back and provide support/perspective for the next CRAC discussions.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were received.

Adjourn

With no further business the Council adjourned.