

October 8, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Coastal Resources Commission

FROM: Cameron Luck

SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Advisory Council Nominations

The Coastal Resource Advisory Council (CRAC) was created by the N.C. Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) of 1974 and is intended to serve as a communications link between the CRC and local governments. CAMA states that the CRC is the sole appointing authority and members may be reappointed at the discretion of the Commission, provided that one-half of the membership at the beginning of any two-year term are residents of counties in the coastal area.

Current council members that requested to be re-appointed:

Kyle Breuer 214 W. Florence Way Hampstead, NC 28443	David Hewett 1304 Hewett Farms Rd. SW Shallotte, NC 28470	Debbie Smith 16 Causeway Drive Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Sandra Cross 127 Acorn Lane Point Harbor, NC 27964	David Kellam 15 Bridge Road Wilmington, NC 28411	Dave Weaver 4929 Pine Street Wilmington, NC 28403
Ryan Davenport 154 Mimosa Blvd. Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512	Kris Noble 30 Oyster Creek Road P.O. Box 188	Mehan Morgan 146 Charleston Drive Grandy, NC 27939
Webb Fuller P.O. Box 1003 Nags Head, NC 27929	Bobby Outten P.O. Box 1000 Manteo, NC 27954	Daniel Adams P.O. Box 5 Burgaw, NC 28425
Mike Lopoanski 106 Barringer Drive Newport, NC 28570	Kathleen Riely 2516 Finkle Grant Dr. New Hill, NC 27562	Frank Braxton 112 Godwin Avenue Topsail Beach, NC 28445
John Spruil 2542 W. Mill Pond Road Roper, NC 27970	Spencer Rogers 5600 Marvin Moss Lane Wilmington, NC 28409	Ivy Ingram P.O. Box 1719 Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Individuals who have been nominated for council membership:

Kent Vaughan
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Dear Chair Cahoon,

I am writing to formally request the appointment of Kent Vaughan to the Coastal Resources Advisory Council (CRAC) to fill the vacancy recently created by the departure of Daniel Brinn from Hyde County employment.

Mr. Vaughan has recently joined Hyde County as our Water and Flood Control Coordinator and Soil and Water District Administrator. He brings with him extensive experience in coastal management that will be invaluable to the Council. Most recently, he served for over five years as a CAMA Field Representative for the Division of Coastal Management. In this capacity, he was responsible for the administration of permit requirements under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and the Dredge and Fill law. His duties included conducting on-site reviews of permit applications, developing permits, and coordinating extensively with various state and federal agencies to ensure regulatory compliance.

Beyond his tenure with the Division of Coastal Management, Mr. Vaughan possesses a robust background in North Carolina's environmental and agricultural sectors. He previously spent seventeen years as an Environmental Specialist with the NC Department of Agriculture's Division of Soil and Water, and served seven years as a Fisheries Technician with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries. This broad expertise ensures he has a deep understanding of the complex issues facing our coastal communities.

We believe Mr. Vaughan's professional history and technical knowledge make him an ideal candidate to represent Hyde County on the Advisory Council. I have attached a letter from our Board Chair.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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