



Permuda Island Reserve
 Local Advisory Committee Meeting
 Dec 5, 2023, 10am
 Location: WebEx

Attendance

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| LAC Partner Organization Members | Present |
| Deb Hill, Alice Derian, Town of North Topsail Beach Administration | Yes (Alice) |
| Town of North Topsail Beach Police Department | No |
| Kerri Allen, North Carolina Coastal Federation | No |
| Chris Southerly, N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - Office of State Archaeology | No |
| Community Members | |
| Mike Yawn | Yes |
| Jan Farmer | Yes |
| Others Present | |
| Paula Gillikin, Reserve Central Sites Manager | |

Reserve-wide Administrative Update – Paula Gillikin

The Reserve-wide Update, which includes a range of Reserve activities, was shared with committee members prior to the meeting, reviewed during the meeting, and is included as Appendix A. Jan offered that the Reserve may wish to partner with the Coastal Federation at Morris Landing if the “Discover the Reserve” tour will include Permuda Island.

Permuda Island Reserve Business – Paula Gillikin

Site update

- Paula visited the Permuda Island Reserve in July and found few site issues. One observation of note is that several oyster aquaculture cages have been abandoned and/or lost and remain in the marsh at Permuda Island. Paula has notified the Division of Marine Fisheries shellfish leasing program.

Permuda Island resilience

- Paula acknowledged that Native American artifacts continue to be lost from the eroding shoreline of Permuda Island. No habitat resilience planning is currently underway for the site. However, if planning is undertaken in the future, it may be best to begin gathering input from the appropriate tribe to inform future management.

Roundtable Discussion

- Jan will put out feelers to see if citizens near Permuda Island would like to participate in the Coastal Reserve's Site Stewards volunteer program. She acknowledged that recreational fisherman have been commenting about the density of shellfish leases in Stump Sound and impacts to fishing access. She also explained that the Coastal Federation is installing a new storm-resilient dock at Morris Landing to showcase stronger coastal building techniques and enhance recreational fishing opportunities.

Public Comment

None

Final comments, Action Items, and Wrap-up

- Paula will speak with Chris Southerly about identifying and connecting with a tribe about the future management of Permuda Island.
- Paula will send the Site Stewards application link to committee members.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.