

WILMINGTON/NEW HANOVER PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH COMMISSION

Number of Members: 16

6 Appointed by County Commissioners

Categories: Shipping, Commerce and Finance, Terminals and Industry, Environmental Concerns, County representative on the NC Beach and Waterway Association, County Commissioner

5 Appointed by City Council

Categories: Engineering and Development, Business, Transportation, Member at Large, and Council member

Mayor of Wrightsville Beach

Mayor of Carolina Beach

Kure Beach Mayor designee Dean Lambeth

Ex-Officio Members: N.C. State Ports Authority Executive Director and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Term of Office: Three years

Regular Meetings: Called as necessary, usually at 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber's Office.

Statute or cause creating Commission: County Commissioners endorsed the formation of this Commission on 12/16/74. Minute Book 16, page 67. The County Commissioners assigned this Commission the responsibility of studying and preparing recommendations for the best use of the 3% Occupancy Funds to be presented to them for approval and expanded the membership by adding the Mayor of Kure Beach on 4/16/84. Minute Book 19. Commissioners added member from NC Shore & Beach Preservation 5/16/05.

Purpose of Commission: To investigate, initiate and support general water resources development projects to include (but not limited to): (1) Port Improvements and growth of the shipping industry, (2) Beach renourishment and conservation; and (3) mitigate declines in water quality. The Commission will weigh the benefits of these water projects against the possible detrimental effects on the area's environmental quality enjoyed by area residents. The Commission is constantly studying and staying informed on various projects trying to obtain new and beneficial projects for this area. The main projects for the area deal with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in requesting studies, seeing if a project is beneficial from a cost benefit ratio, and attempting to obtain approval and then funding in the U.S. Congress and on the State level, but this mission is not carried out in isolation. The Commission maintains an awareness of project effects on the quality of the waters and their interrelations with natural resources.

Brief on Functions: The Commission works closely with the N.C. Department of Resources Commission for assistance in obtaining approval of state funding and projects. An annual meeting is held in Washington for the purpose of lobbying.

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| CURRENT MEMBERS | CATEGORY | TERM PRESENTLY SERVING | TERM EXPIRES |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| H. Layton Bedsole, Jr. 406 John S. Mosby Drive Wilmington, NC 28412 799-7944 (H) 251-9790 (W) | Terminals & Industry | Unexpired 2/16/09 | 2/28/2010 |
| Richard G. Catlin 6417 Providence Point Road Wilmington, NC 28405 | NC Beach and Waterway Association | First 5/16/05 Second 2/18/08 | 2/28/2008 2/28/2011 |
| Donald E. Harris 213 Dorchester Place Wilmington, NC 28412 796-9696 (H) 617-8844 (W) | | First 3/14/05 Second 2/18/08 | 2/28/2008 2/28/2011 |
| Geoffrey A. Losee 3128 Lantern Way Wilmington, NC 28409 350-1516 (H) 763-3404 (W) | | First 3/14/05 Second 2/18/08 | 2/28/2008 2/28/2011 |
| Nicholas Henry Silivanich 4918 Lord Tennyson Drive Wilmington, NC 28405 515-7969 (H) 239-2139 (W) | | First 2/16/09 | 2/28/2012 |
| Commissioner Representative: William A. Caster Chamber Liaison: Tom Cunningham | | County Staff Liaison: Dave Weaver and Avril Pinder | |
| | | 2/09 File: /Port B/C# 26 | |