

# Town of North Topsail Beach

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TERMINAL GROIN LEGISLATION

**WHEREAS**, the problem of erosion at the end of barrier islands is unique to those areas and continues to pose a genuine threat to public beach access, public and private property, businesses and infrastructure, creating the risk of significant costs in reconstruction and lost tax revenue;

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina coastal communities such as North Topsail Beach are in need of every responsible beach management tool available to arrive at a long-term solution to the problems caused by shifting inlets;

**WHEREAS**, beach nourishment alone has been proven to be insufficient in the inlet areas at the end of barrier islands;

**WHEREAS**, the New River Inlet, a navigational channel and the Northern boundary of North Topsail Beach has shifted dramatically causing severe erosion and loss of property value;

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly, in recognition of the significant and unique problems caused by erosion at the end of barrier islands, directed the Coastal Resources Commission to conduct a study of the feasibility and advisability of the use of terminal groins as an erosion control structure;

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Resources Commission has completed its study and found that terminal groins, in combination with beach nourishment, can be effective at controlling erosion at the end of barrier islands;

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Resources Commission further emphasized the need for site-specific analysis to determine the advisability of the use of terminal groins in specific locations;

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Resources Commission further offered a slate of recommendations for environmental and ecological safeguards that emphasize the responsible use of terminal groins as a tool to control erosion at the end of barrier islands;

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Resources Commission and the Division of Coastal Management are the most appropriate entities to consider the numerous issues associated with the site-specific use of terminal groins;

**WHEREAS**, legislation giving the Coastal Resources Commission the authority to consider the use of terminal groins in appropriate circumstances, Senate Bill 832, has passed the North Carolina Senate and is eligible for consideration in the 2010 Short Session of the General Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of North Topsail Beach supports prompt consideration and passage of legislation authorizing the Coastal Resources Commission to consider and allow the use of terminal groins, following site specific study as outlined in its recommendations, and urges the General Assembly to act favorably upon such legislation during the 2010 Short Session of the legislature.

Adopted this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

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Mayor Daniel Tuman

ATTEST:

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Carin Z. Faulkner, Town Clerk