

NCIT Survey Comments

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- I am a homeowner on BHI and oppose additional traffic that would further endanger the natural maritime environment.
- My primary concern is with ground transportation from the proposed port to wherever the goods must go.
- Jobs for the area is important now. How would the dredging affect Bald Head Island? We need that info!
- I think that it would be a terrible thing for all if this is approved. Ecological nightmare!
- I don't understand what the need or what the ROI is for a port when the region has the Savannah port (located near I-95 and is the 4th busiest port in the USA 0; Charleston port; and Jacksonville port. It simply makes no economic sense.
- We are home owners on BHI
- Had no idea about this!!!!
- Although we are not residents at this time, we do plan to relocate there for retirement within five (5) years. Thus, we are interested.
- Putting this port in close proximity to a nuclear power plant and an ammunition depot is asking for trouble. It becomes a prime terrorist target.
- I spent my entire career in the maritime industry dealing with ocean-going vessels, including container ships. The rationale behind the NCIT cannot be supported either in a business sense or from an environmental standpoint.
- Thanks, in advance, for taking action to oppose the proposed port - an issue which is so vital to the health of BHI!
- The proposal is nuts. It is also probably pie in the sky given current and foreseeable fiscal realities.
- There are big money interests pushing for the terminal. The money buys the state politicians, probably not even a lot. This is the playing field. Mr. Mitchel needs to step up to save his investment. Raising my taxes to fight this is probably too little too late.
- It is not change that I fear. It is the continued destruction of our own habitat, in the name of progress, that I fear. More revenue for our region will not sustain us once our habitat has been compromised beyond sustainability.

- The new port would be a disaster to Bald Head Island and the surrounding areas.
- If the enlarged port means considerably more dredging near BHI, then I am seriously opposed to the effort. The island can't afford to lose more of the south and west beaches!
- please keep us informed. thank you.
- It appears that most opinions of the port are selfish. It is quite possible that such a port could generate enormous economic benefits to our state and the several adjoining states. It seems to me that one could support the port providing there are controls to protect the environmental issues of the access and egress areas.
- When you have a military port nearby and the port at Wilmington and you have the destruction on the island at present. Another port will destroy the island and the surrounding islands.
- Spend 2 months at BHI Also own property in Southport & BHI
- do not want to see the development of this
- i am opposed due to having to dredge the channel more which will cause further erosion to the island. can you imagine driving from Southport to I40 and what that might be like- no thanks- let's send the port to Virginia.
- I am adamantly opposed to this project. It will have a devastating economic and environmental impact on our beautiful island.
- The proposed international terminal would be disastrous for the fragile wetlands and would totally change the wonderful small-town charm of the coast, turning it into an industrial setting. We think the terminal is a terrible idea, and we are totally opposed! Thank you for conducting this survey.
- This port likely won't provide significant benefit for Southport beyond the increase to the tax base, but may bring jobs and revenue to the state. This will come at the expense of introduction of risk to BHI, Southport, and the state. Risks are high and present themselves in the form of - increased collisions resulting from more traffic, -increased consequences from collisions resulting from more cargo per ship, -increased air pollution from ships, trucks, and shore facilities, -increased physical risks of locating the port close to the nuclear power plant, - economic risks posed by funding of associated infrastructure and without guarantee of port success, -increased possibility for introduction of invasive species, -damage (potentially to the BHI aquifer) caused by deepening the CFR Channel, etc. My understanding is that the business case for the port requires capturing some traffic from other ports in the area, as well as post Panamax vessel traffic. While post Panamax traffic is likely to make it to the port, because of a scarcity of ports usable by these vessels, capture of other vessel traffic seems unlikely. Such capture would be possible if the developers/SPA can keep dockage fees for smaller vessels down, and provide a more efficient cargo transfer process than competing ports, saving transport companies money. It must also be considered that if this port doesn't move forward, deepening of upstream ports may alternatively occur to accommodate larger ships and increase revenue. This poses some of the same risks. If BHI adopts an aggressive anti-port stance because of the above risks, it will likely be cast as a NIMBY detractor or as resistant to change. This will have the effect of diminishing the value of BHI's opinion in the eyes of the port proponents. Offering an opinion that this port is wrong, but that changes to an existing port

(Wilmington) may be more appropriate (much required infrastructure currently exists, less risk caused by proximity to nuclear power plant) signals a willingness to cooperate on the issue, and increases the likelihood that BHI's concerns will be considered in the planning process. The problem in this case is that it sends an intrinsic message that the risks posed by any port on the CFR (more traffic, deeper channel) are understood and some are necessary and acceptable to BHI. bmscully@ncsu.edu

- I feel the Port has the potential to destroy the ambience of the village of Southport, not to mention the marshlands, fishing, and wildlife that is present in the marshes.
- This proposed terminal would be detrimental to Bald head Island and Southport...in my opinion it is a mistake.
- One of the MAJOR reasons we have always enjoyed BHI and bought property on BHI is because it has been so "easy" to get in and out of Southport and back and forth to BHI. We have already seen the increased transportation costs of the unnecessary move to Deep Point. I'm am very concerned that this new International Terminal will further decrease the Southport / BHI experience. We will be watching closely how this progresses and may need to reassess our future on BHI.
- The position of the new channel with respect to BHI would be the deciding fact for me.
- Want to learn the pros and cons from an authoritative source.
- Land property owner
- I am afraid that the money behind the port will sacrifice the island to get the industrial development on the mainland. The Corps of engineers is infamous for making work for themselves to build something up and destroy other things. If there is too much protest they get more work by unbuilding what they've just built.
- This port would be the death of BHI and so many other areas along the nearly coastline. All those ships spewing their pollution and all the trains and semis on the roads - God, it would be just like living in NJ/NY!!!
- All we have to do is look at the carnage in the Gulf of Mexico to see what could potentially happen to our entire area, ecosystem & way of life for decades. NO to making a megaport to increase access to supertankers!
- Adamantly opposaed to the Port
- I believe the planned port will be an unmitigated disaster for the environment and likely destroy the unique magic and charm that is Bald Head Island as well as the property values on the island. I can't believe the project has progressed as far as it has. The environmental impact alone should have ended it well before now. We must act quickly and steadfastly before the momentum renders the project unstoppable. I could not be more opposed and expect the Village to take the most robust, strongest and most effective stance against the port possible. Let us not become another casualty like the gulf coast.
- The recent oil "spill" has shown the far-reaching impact of an ocean "event". Why would we deliberately put our area in peril?

- Opposing the Port is an easy decision, especially for a Bald Head property owner. The real issue is a bit more complicated: choosing the most effective strategy for fighting the Port. That's the real challenge for the village council.
- We simply think it's a bad idea, because it will negatively impact the biggest asset of the area, which is its natural and relatively unpolluted beauty, and because the port would not be close enough to a major population center to really make sense during a time when energy consumption becomes a serious constraint.
- My primary concern is what will happen to Bald Head Island when they start dredging the Cape Fear River even deeper to accommodate the larger ships that will be using the new port. On many occasions I have been on the West Beach when a ship has passed by, creating such a "tsunami" that it has left flounder flopping high and dry on the beach and sucked ENORMOUS quantities of sand into the river. I have watched this fragile piece of real estate disappear at a continually accelerated pace as each year and each dredging occurs. Between global warming and dredging, this island is already suffering a precarious existence. I am also very uneasy at the prospect of the largest ammunition depot in the world being sandwiched between two ports. Wilmington has been deemed one of the least safest cities for its size in the US. Add another port and that will most likely increase the drugs and crime rate that accompany all large ports. Then you can add the increase in traffic that is already become too heavy with the population growth that has occurred over the past ten years or so. I view it as nothing short of a disaster for this entire area.
- From what I have heard as told by others on the island I am completely opposed to this new port. The project seems destructive and unnecessary, and will change the calm quaintness of the area forever. However, I do not know if what I am hearing is the whole truth. Last night in conversation it was explained to me that if the new port goes forward, a new shipping lane will be cut through the shoals across the island and through Harbor Village taking out the BHI Marina and ferry terminal, because the large ships can't make the turn? If this is true, the idea of this project is even more insane than I originally thought! (From a taxpayer's point of view, what a colossal waste of taxpayer dollars! From an environmental standpoint what a nightmare, and from a personal position what an immense destruction of property!) I have also heard that there is no need for another port because existing area ports including Wilmington are barely 50% utilized. I would definitely appreciate an official summary of exactly what changes are being proposed at this time to BHI, Southport, and the shipping channel to complete this project, as well as pros (other than making money for the developer) and cons in general. I would like to know the truth, but even if all that I have heard so far is false, I don't believe that it will change my negativity towards this project as I do not trust the federal government. They have already screwed us over on the beach renourishment agreement, so only a fool would believe that they would stick to their word on any future undertaking. Thanks for your hard work to protect BHI. Beth Iseman
- How is it possible to become a BHI voter? My understanding is that you must be a legal resident of North Carolina to take part in voting, so I feel like I cannot participate in the process as I would wish. Thank you for the survey, so that you make it possible for those of us who don't live on the island full-time to have a voice.

- I am undecided, but leaning opposed. I am not sure that there is real demand for this. It seems more like a government build it and they will come project. If it is being proposed by private industry, and has no public money required, I would be more likely to favor it.
- If I were resident of Southport I would not be in favor of it.
- I spend 5 months a year on BHI. I am opposed to a mega port in Southport. Such a port will greatly change the nature of the community and endanger the fragile coastal area.
- The port will have a negative impact on BHI owners.
- given the devastation to West Beach with the current dredging, the international port could be a huge disaster.
- This port is not necessary and may end up costing the constituents, in numerous ways, more than it can ever provide.
- My position would be strongly influenced by the final location of the terminal.
- I believe the economic benefits of the new terminal have been vastly overstated, and the costs and environmental impacts have been understated. This would be a major economic and environmental mistake for southeast North Carolina if this project goes forward. Doug Hall, #2 Wild Bean Ct, Bald Head Island, NC.
- A strong local and regional economy can only be good for BHI. However, BHI's interests boil down to the handling of the channel (dredging, erosion, etc). The latter is a property rights/takings issue. If the island is damaged by the terminal's activity, there must be proper compensation/restitution.
- Wouldn't this be a "boon" to Southport economy?
- stop this thing now!
- We are currently dealing with the channel flows and erosion having negative effects on our island. Putting in a major international terminal with so much more traffic will just create more problems to all the surrounding land
- I am probably going to be in favor of the new International Terminal given the jobs and economic benefits to Southport and the region. However, I do not have enough information to have staked a position. Obviously, the issue is much more complex than how to best cull deer on BHI. Note, if the port results in enhanced beach stabilization for BHI, I would consider that a key factor.
- We are whole-heartedly OPPOSED to this Port !!!!
- The port will destroy this entire area. It must be stopped. It will be a waste of taxpayer money.
- Size out of proportion to the area.
- Down with the port and the narrow minded special interest groups that are trying to ram this monstrosity down our throats!
- If all the facts are made public, the truth will be revealed that the deepening of the channel to allow more and larger ships to pass through a new port will destroy a part of Bald Head by taking the western part of the island away eventually.
- No Port
- The current dredging policies are having a huge negative impact on BHI beaches. A new terminal with a deeper channel would be disastrous.

- There are multiple reasons to oppose the proposed megaport, including safety (proximity to the nuclear power plant), waste of resources (current data suggest it will not be highly profitable, especially because shipping from China is shrinking), inevitable destruction of wildlife, beach erosion, the industrialization of a beautiful natural area that profits from tourism, and the need for costly and destructive infrastructure. Are we so obsessed with jobs that we eagerly sacrifice our environment and natural beauty of the Southport area for this horrendous project?
- The proposed NCIT is a project that should be stopped now. The potential for environmental disaster and the loss of tourism, delicate ecosystems, and our way of life in the Cape Fear Region is greater than anyone should be willing to risk. Anyone holding public office who is associated with this project will face the wrath of voters in SE North Carolina, who overwhelmingly oppose this ill-advised project. Stop the Port NOW!!
- I think the port in Southport is a bad plan for Southport the environment, and Bald Head Island
- more public knowledge
- I wish that I did know more about this mega-port but I am grossly uninformed as well as unaware of the entire impact it would have on Bald Head.
- Thank you for your work representing and protecting BHI's significant interests in the proposed mega-port!
- Nothing good for the local area OR the environment with the addition of the port. Let it drop!!!!
- Would like to know more about the proposed port.
- Really know very little about this subject or its projected impact either way.
- I support the efforts of NoPort Southport.
- I rent my current home on BHI on an annual basis, therefore have not been able to spend time there recently. I have had 5 other homes on BHI and have spent much time there over the last 10 years and know and love it there.
- Why would we in NC want an additional competitor to Wilmington in the seaport business. I understand the east coast competition.....Jax, Balt, etc. Kill the project and build the Wilmington business in existing facilities
- Remember the Global Airpark!
- Primary concern is erosion on BHI due to larger channel.
- This has the potential to be a major boondoggle.
- Very concerned about long term outcomes of physical nature of BHI, and well as boat traffic and other issues affecting BHI and its position.
- What changes does this bring to the channel, the dredging and resulting erosion?
- This project will waste hundreds of millions of NC Dollars. It will destroy priceless marshland and seafood nurseries. Possibly it will contaminate our aquifer. It will irreparably harm Brunswick county's recreational facilities and property values and hence tax dollars. Finally, it will turn SE NC from one of the nation's fastest growing populations into one of the most rapidly declining.
- We are property owners on BHI. I see no advantage whatsoever to the new terminal. The info I have strongly suggests increased erosion on BHI, increased traffic into/out of Southport area, likely destruction of irreplaceable wetland and river-associated geography, increased building and

roadways in Brunswick County, and other deleterious actions - none of which override the benefits of the proposed terminal. The latest info I find compelling is that proponents have never provided any potential customers for the new terminal. Stop the project! Now!

- This project has the potential to devastate the coast and do irreparable damage to BHI and other barrier islands.
- Let's hope this finally gets the BHIV in gear to oppose the NCIT as those of us have studied it for 2-3 years thanks to NPSP, Mike Rice, etc. It is shameful that Council has dragged their feet on this critical issue. The next point is what active role will the BHIV take to block the building of the NCIT including funding lobbyists, etc. Is there any responsible person (other than the former Mayor who voiced support so BC might get more roads in case of the need to evacuate in advance of a hurricane) who could find any benefit to BHI or it's residents. Win Stevens
- I hope this can e stopped. The dredging is ruining the beach.
- IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THE STATE WOULD CONSIDER AN EXPENDITURE LIKE THIS, IN THIS ECONOMY, WHEN INCREASING RAILROAD TRAFFIC TO THE EXISTING PORTS, ESPECIALLY THE PORT OF WILMINGTON, WOULD INCREASE CARGO THRU THE PORTS BY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT. ADDITIONALLY, IT WOULD BE INCREDIBLY SAFER TO AVOID ANY ATTEMPT AT CONSTRUCTION IN THE CAPE FEAR ESTUARY.
- a mega port in an area that is NOT a natural deep water port is a disastrous idea. It's creation would exacerbate already serious erosion problems and would turn a vacation area into an industrial and traffic (aquatic and road) nightmare.
- I believe that the interests of North Carolina and especially the southeastern part of the state are more important than the parochial interests of the Bald Head Island "stakeholders."
- I think I'm a BHI voter; I own unimproved property on BHI and am a resident of Maryland. The mouth of the Cape Fear River is just not wide enough nor deep enough to accommodate the shipping traffic (is my opinion).
- i urge the village to strongly oppose the port
- I am adamantly opposed to the NCIT and believe it is another example fraudulent political shenanigans that state officials seem compelled to create and abuse.
- I am totally against the Mega port. I think it would interfere with the uniqueness of BHI that I would consider selling our portion of the house that we own. It would be a huge mistake. No one is in favor!
- Although my husband and aren't in the position to live there full time yet, we certainly didn't invest in this property to have a boat terminal near-by. If I did, I would have invested in propey in the NJ Boat Terminal area. Bald Head is so beautiful, so serene, to have a boat termnal near "heaven" would be the most saddest thing that could happen. Thank-you for your committee and all that you have done and still do.
- I am very concerned about the impact to our waters (quality, polution, and fishing grounds) and the tranquility on BHI if the terminal is built. I am also concerned that the terminally will negatively affect property values on BHI.
- I am informed by the BHI newsletters, local NC papers, and Internet searches, and I describe myself as "somewhat" informed because I think a lot more information could and should be

shared. I believe there is extremely inadequate infrastructure in place to support such a Megaport, and that its impact will be devastating to Bald Head, Southport, and their environs. A great deal would be automated so the promise of jobs is illusory. Based on more than 25 years practicing environmental law, it also is my opinion that this would wreak havoc on the environment.

- The International Port, though likely a done deal politically, is an ill conceived idea. There is plenty of port capacity to the north and south that has supporting infrastructure that Southport clearly lacks: Rail Highway and existing, deep water ways. Moving forward with plans to build this port (impact studies et. al.) at this time is absurd. A review of existing port facilities like Norfolk, Savannah and Charleston would suggest the proposed port foolish. NC may be growing but there are plenty of other ways to satisfy the projected need for trade goods in NC than to throw precious dollars at an unneeded, unwanted port that ultimately will not provide the long term employment the planners promise.
- I do not think the port makes economic sense and will be terrible for the area around Southport while likely destroying the beaches on Baldhead
- The REAL problem is that if N.C. intends to be a "player" in containerized ocean freight after the Panama Canal is widened , we will either need this port OR dredge all the way to Wilmington 25% deeper and 50% wider ! Either way will be a likely debacle but I want to see the economic numbers and the potential environmental damage . An unbiased analysis , NOT from the State Ports Authority , is necessary as the next step (even though expensive .)
- Thanks for forming your committee. I think BHI folks have a stake in this.
- This Mega Port would harm the entire South Eastern Coastal area of North Carolina including the towns, beaches, people and habitat.
- This is an economic and environmental disaster of incredible magnitude. It will ruin southeastern North Carolina beyond redemption.
- Protecting the island is most important!
- The erosion and effects on the endangered wildlife on the island from the maintenance and likely enlargement of the channel would be extremely harmful, as well as from pollution associated with increased ship traffic.
- The superport will have a devastating impact on Bald Head Island - if the erosion problem is not being supported by the State now, then just exactly how much funding and support is the state going to give Bald Head Island when they put a superport in Southport? Why can't the state send the superport to Morehead City which is already ruined & spoiled? The environment will be irreparably harmed with a superport.
- We are strongly opposed to the NCIT!
- Beyond the impact on BHI question the wisdom of an investment such as this (along with the environmental risk) in this economic environment.
- I am very concerned about the impact of this Port on the environment (from Cape Fear river to BHI to Southport). Given that there is a port in Wilmington, I see no reason why we need to build another. Not to mention transportation infrastructure that will need to be built to support

the Port....and the taxes (short term and long term) that come along with these projects. Thank you.

- We are extraordinarily concerned with the negative environmental impact of this mega-port!
- I am not convinced the business model is correct. I think this will lose money - a good reason to oppose it. I also am very concerned about environmental impact.
- We are former full-time residents, and, having sold our home to our son, are still very actively interested in BHI. The shipping terminal would be a disaster to Southport and BHI if it is allowed to happen.
- In my view, this mega port is unnecessary, and in the process of it's construction will only be detrimental to our environment, beaches and sea. Continued dredging of the channel to deepen for larger ships, again will only destroy these beautiful barrier islands.
- It is surprising to me that the Village of BHI hasn't taken a formal position against the NCIT. A stance against the port is long overdue.
- I am not really DISINTERESTED; I am totally uninformed.
- Need more information in order to make an informed decision; until then, I'm opposed. It is too big a project and the impact on BHI (from other endeavors such as these) has always been negative.
- Would welcome an informed and objective assessment of the pros and cons.
- My wife & I are STRONGLY opposed to the NCIT and have written emails to elected officials stating that position.
- Noise, light and fuel pollution would jeopardize the delicate shoreline and estuarine ecosystem. the access to Southport would become overrun with infrastructure required to ship goods out of Southport. Roads would become large truck routes. Seashore communities with tourist and retiree economies would be converted to industrial shipping economies
- I'm thrilled that BHI residents are coming together to get more informed on this project. The impact to us has been dismally ignored in terms of property value, ecological impact and logistics for us to get to and from the ferry terminal. I truly hope this port project can be stopped not only for us on BHI but to the town of Southport
- The international port is vital to growth of NC's multi-modal transportation system and to the State's economy.
- This is a misplaced idea, arrived at solely because of a bargain land purchase opportunity for the state that in no way should drive an issue of policy importance. Where the state invests its port money has long been controversial; since the nineteenth century it has been divided between Wilmington and Morehead City to the detriment of our competitive position with respect to Virginia's concentration in Hampton Roads and South Carolina's in Charleston. Both of those ports are far busier than either of ours, and have better facilities, largely because of concentrated resources. To make yet a third division of this money, and create a new port facility in Southport is a continuation of our state's two hundred year history of mistakes. Beyond the fact that it is a policy error, the cost is vastly understated, as the requirement for road building throughout Brunswick County, dredging of the terminal, and related costs of making a third port have yet to be mentioned. Far better to concentrate the resource upriver in

Wilmington, which already has the good I-40 connection, a freight railroad line, a fully dredged harbor, and a business community that would enthusiastically back the new venture. Any one of these points should be sufficient to halt this adventure with our money; beyond these considerations still is the cost to the environment, and to the tourist trade, as we lose more of our estuaries, bird life, fisheries, and style of life that is distinctively the Cape Fear to what is at best a gamble that the users of this terminal would spend more than the region would lose as vacationers, fishermen, boaters, and others who enjoy the North Carolina coast would go elsewhere.

- let us know how this will impact BHI.
- The port would be an economic, environmental, and tourism disaster for the ENTIRE state!!
- Am concerned about the environmental impact on BHI and its beaches
- Would like to learn more on how much ship traffic per day. How close to SPort. River dredging issues.
- we will not have a Bald Head if this goes in, it will end up in the river
- We live in the shadow of a port in SC. We DO NOT want a port in South Port!!!
- We must fight this International Port. It will devastate the environment, destroy Battery Island which is a sanctuary for white ibis. It is not needed. Look at what is happening in LA right now.
- I see absolutely no benefits to Bald Head property owners of the proposed project, but many-many potential problems.
- The current proposal involves spending millions of state and federal funds for a port will, most likely, adversely impact the coastal environment and will, quite possibly, be unsuccessful in attracting business from competitive ports in Norfolk and Charleston. Norfolk and Charleston are better equipped to service the increased containerized shipping demands for the East Coasts at less financial and environmental cost.
- This port would be one of the worst ideas to ever come to the coast of NC
- Because of the size of the Norfolk and Charleston ports the Cape Fear Port Project will never be viable or cost effective.
- Will be a total waste of money when it is all over in terms of "true cost/benefit" & it will harm Bald Head Island and other areas locally as well.
- It might be a good idea to conduct this survey in about 6 months to see if there has been a change in public sentiment over the proposed project after a period of information dissemination and discussion.
- Beautiful Southport would be ruined with this port. No highways nearby - traffic would be terrible.
- Our adult children and we use the house frequently for spring, summer and fall weekends and also during the summer for some weeklong vacations so the total use may equal 3months
- This proposed superport project borders on the insane.
- I can not believe that NC would even consider this a good idea. Right between a nuclear facility and the largest munitions depot on the east coast. A disaster waiting to happen if the port is built. Not to mention the impact the port will have on the erosion problems, the turtles, and all the wildlife that live in this area. A horrible, horrible idea!

- I am adamantly opposed to this project. Those reasons extending well beyond my interest in protecting North Carolina's environmental jewel of the Cape Fear River Basin. Bad idea on EVERY level. Economically, environmentally and locally. I will vote against every candidate, regardless of party affiliation, in the next election who supports any aspect of this project moving forward. It's a waste of our time, our tax \$'s and a priceless environmental gem. Steve Montgomery, 704-506-5899. stevemontgomery@me.com
- ANYONE REMOTELY FAMILIAR WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KNOWS THAT WHEN PEOPLE AVOID PLACES, THERE ARE REASONS. PEOPLE HAVE HAD HUNDREDS, MAY THOUSANDS OF YEARS, TO SETTLE THE PROPOSED PORT SITE. YETS THEY HAVE AVOIDED IT. FOR REASONS. SETTLEMENT PATTERNS DEFINE BAD IDEAS.
- My main concern is the mainland transportation infrastructure. How is all of this freight going to get in and out of Southport.
- Thanks for the opportunity to voice my concern. Please keep us posted. Kristen Henderson
- I believe the terminal would be very damaging to BHI.
- Need more information as to wet lands and ship traffic on the river
- Having lived in major port cities, I can tell you that the regional environmental damage caused by ports is substantial. The impact on local beaches and water activities is severe. Furthermore, the industrialization of the area, especially the aesthetic impacts thereof, will result in a substantial increase in crime. Lastly, when arguments inexorably arise over dredging and erosion, the port's economic standing will make it a formidable opponent. All things considered, I think it's best that the port not happen.
- I think the Seaport would be a bad choice for both Southport and all of the surrounding communities.
- I would like more info on the current state of this proposed project, including who has legal authority to make the decision about whether to build this terminal. I fail to see how the terminal benefits residents and property owners. I see MANY ways it will permanently damage the lifestyle we now have.
- I recommend that that the article authored by John.Murawski@newsobserver.com and published in the N&O on Sun. May 30th, 2010 be used as objective and informative news reporting. It will allow those of us, who the State Ports Authority claim to be "know-nothings" and "transplants" to take an objective stand. Tom Eagar of the SPA will have to explain how the opinions of "transplants" are unimportant to this issue.
- I am very opposed to building the International Port. I've written a letter to the senators of NC stating my position.
- Taxpayer in NC. Bald Head property owner. Generally opposed to port, but want to hear all the facts before making final decision.
- we lost our dunes and our sand and enough already and can't get compensated from army corps of engineers
- More highways running to Southport; more rail lines; destruction of the beauty of the islands along the Cape Fear. Erosion would be far worse than it is currently because of the necessity of dredging a deeper channel. What a mess. If this occurs, we'll sell our house. I expect a lot of

people will. So you'll have this international terminal, but total destruction of a beautiful preserved area as well as loss of tourism. So the economy boost Gov Perdue thinks this will generate will be a wash. Also, I think the existing Southeastern ports will continue to be used; I think this will be a huge black hole that just sits there unused.

- We believe this port would be devastating for both BHI and the entire Southport community.
- The NCIT and the Brunswick Beach way of life/life style are mutually exclusive; NCIT will kill local tourism - our most significant economic engine.
- There is already quite a bit of oil and debris on the BHI beaches, especially on the south and west sides. I am concerned that a new port would exacerbate this problem.
- I sincerely hope this is just to decide on "resident" interest, because otherwise, you have told me nothing and I have learned nothing from this survey. Plus, I would suggest, just a determination of who is for and who is against, is a "beauty queen poll" and not the way to formulate a Village position on something so monumental to our area. Thank you for your volunteer work on this issue.
- I think the mega port will hurt BHI and the outer banks, and hopefully the army corp of engineers will determine that a mega port located here will not be a good idea. I have not heard any results of the study that is currently underway. Being an out of area resident there is very little publicity about the mega port and the only information I receive is from BHI Association / BHI Limited, so please keep the updates coming.
- The NCIT would be an ecological disaster for the whole Cape Fear estuary, and a transportation nightmare for Brunswick County.
- I don't oppose the idea of the terminal. I do oppose the plan to deepen and widen the channel which will have adverse effects on BHI.
- This terminal will an immeasurable negative impact on BHI. The number of large cargo ships using the channel will change the atmosphere, aesthetics and tranquil nature of the island such that tourism and the tourism dollars will drop for all of Brunswick and New Hanover County. BHI is an ecological gem that must be protected.
- Thanks for asking.
- My concern is the heavy shipping traffic which may adversely affect the ever eroding BHI coastline.
- The proposed port is an ecological and commercial disaster. It will contribute to beach erosion and destroy recreational amenities among all beach communities in the Cape Fear region.
- State money priorities should be for infrastructure and schools (ie. Charlotte). This international port study is a total misuse of sorely needed funds for other greater priorities in NC.
- I would appreciate follow up information via email after the June 30 meeting. Non-resident owners like myself who may not be able to attend the meeting are nonetheless very interested in the committee's analysis.
- I hope you are in contact with the No Port Southport organization so efforts/studies are not duplicated. I would expect the Village to voice strong opposition to the NC International Terminal.
- Please do all you can to stop this insanity. We MUST protect all the aspects of our island

- The Cape Fear River is a national treasure and should be designated and treated as such.
- There are changes we make to the fragile ecosystem that become irreversible over time. A megaport will not provide enough economic benefit to offset the environmental costs and the secondary economic costs (lost tourism money when BHI becomes just like Wilmington).
- I am absolutely opposed to the building of this terminal. Additionally, the US Army Corps of Engineers has consistently (over history) been an organization that greatly harms the environment and is unethical and/or dishonest.
- Development of this port would be highly detrimental to BHI and the whole region, environmentally and economically. It threatens to transform the region from one that's oriented as recreational, environmentally pristine, a retirement community, and a tourist area to one that's commercial/industrial, and therefore undesirable to the above activities and lifestyles. In short, it will ruin the area.
- The Gulf oil spill demonstrates that what can go wrong probably will (adaptation of Murphy's Law. Even in the best of circumstances a port will foul the waters in and around BHI. Just because the name of the town is Southport does not mean that it has to have an undesirable and unwanted port.
- I hope the Council will take a position on this and appreciate the opportunity to provide input. My inclination is to oppose the Terminal on environmental grounds, but I don't feel that I have enough information to take that position as yet. If there is an opportunity in this process to stabilize our beaches, however, I hope we will take it.
- Any budget for such project must include full spending on protection of BHI beaches for years to come.
- As a BHI resident I believe that the full-time residents should become active participants in the NO PORT Southport meetings/emails to ensure full knowledge/disclosure of the facts about the port so that they are not misinformed by media/politicians. I see this committee as playing an active role in facilitating appropriate and timely communications to island residents/property owners to ensure factual dissemination of information on this vital issue. I view the implementation of this port as a death nall to our island. Period.
- Please vote against the port
- I think it would be a complete disaster for the environment in the entire area!!!
- The terminal will have a detrimental impact on Southport, Bald Head and all the surrounding communities and the surrounding environment
- The main issues of concern to me are (1) what the plans would be to improve the road (and other) infrastructure in and around Southport to support the increased traffic and population, and (2) what additional channel dredging would be required, and whether it would increase the erosion on Bald Head - they've already created a major problem: is dredging for the proposed port going to make the problem worse? If these issues are resolved adequately, I would not have an objection to the terminal; otherwise, I would oppose it.
- Not a good idea for Southport, the surrounding towns as well because of the traffic issues. BHI would not benefit at all...
- I have sent a letter of opposition to the Governor and Secretary of DENR

- Moving the current navigational channel away from Bald Head to minimize the accelerated erosion is critical for me to support the Mega-Port.
- I'm in favor of the economic development, but very wary of the impacts that any additional work on the channel might have on the stability of BHI's beaches.
- It strikes me that this is a project that will end up as successful as the Air TransPark !!! There is no adequate transportation system from Southport to support it... to say nothing about what it would do to Wilmington and all the money that has been put there. Insofar as Bald Head Island is concerned, the extra traffic and probably more and deeper dredging of the ship channel would have a deleterious effect on this Barrier Island.
- own 8 weeks of a fractional arrangement. am totally unfamiliar with the issue
- BP Oil Spill. Do I need to say more?
- At a time when the world is struggling with the economy, it is proposed to spend a lot of money on a not so sure success. It doesn't make any sense at this time, just as it doesn't make sense to invest in real estate at this time.
- enviromental disaster, will destroy ambiance of entire area. benefit very few to the detriment of many
- I am against the proposed fare hikes for the Ferry too.
- Reasons for opposition: - destruction of wetlands - near certain acceleration of island erosion - uncertain business case for the mega-port
- I believe this will have a disastrous effect on the island due to the amount of dredging that will be needed to support these large ships.
- With global shipping & the US economy depressed what is NC hoping to achieve by building a new mega-port that will cost considerable tax revenue, and run the risk of destroying the south western ecosystem of BHI. The projected costs & benefits of this project need to be scrubbed very hard, since at this point I think the very significant costs are a lot more obvious than the benefits. The one silver lining for BHI might be requiring a navigational jetty/breakwater big enough to protect the south western corner of BHI from the ongoing onslaught of the COE. In addition I welcome the emerging intent of the Village to take into account the views of all tax payers on key issues -- and not just the minority of fulltime or voting residents. We consider BHI one of our two primary residences, but we can only vote in one -- and for now that one is VT
- My opposition is as a result of the damage done (erosion) to the island when the current channel was relocated in order to allow the depth and/or width to be increased to allow larger ships into Wilmington.
- I'd love to see an unbiased pros/cons on the port. Perhaps in one of the weekly emails or posted on one of the various websites.
- I am strongly opposed to the port's construction. The environmental cists to the region would outweigh any potential economic benefits. Moreover, the net economic benefits of the port could be negative as the region's tourism and retirement industries would be severely damaged.
- would love to receive more info. what would be the impact on BHI? all negative? any positive?

- Brunswick County and BHI have a bright future as an eco-tourism magnet, supplying outstanding employment opportunities to the general population. Turning us into Brooklyn is not the right aspiration for any stakeholders.
- We own a home on Bald Head and stay approximately 8 long weekends a year and two full weeks per year. We are strongly opposed. This port seems like a waste of taxpayer dollars and will severely impact the quality of life on Bald Head.
- Concerned about the impact on the beach and environment.
- I really do not know much about this project and what the impacts will be. I can only speculate on the impacts, thus any additional information would be very beneficial. Greg Sand
gwsand@gmail.com
- The NCIT will destroy BHI and the entire Cape Fear inlet. It must be stopped.
- Own one house (under construction) and one other lot. Worried about the major ship traffic and the additional dredging that may be required as the port grows and wants a deeper channel to attract the larger cargo vessels. Also what will it do to the road infrastructure to Southport that is currently single lane each way. There will be major truck traffic which requires more capacity.
- This has to be a really bad idea for the environment, and surrounding beach communities!
- This is a major waste of funds given the current state of the economy and the record of failed transportation projects like the global transpark. Economic development in Eastern NC should be based on developing a local food economy and entrepreneurship that meets local needs.
- Sounds like it could be an environmental disaster. We don't need another BP blowup. Bill and Mary Staton
- Given our government's (and especially the Army Corps of Engineer's) history of blatant disregard and failure to protect nearby residents from harm and economic loss associated with such projects, I cannot support this project.
- please send more info on this project. Thanks
- STOP THIS INANE AND FOOLISH PORT BEFORE IT DESTROYS THIS ISLAND AND THE SOUTHPORT AREA. THE IDIOTS WHO DREAMED THIS UP DON'T LIVE HERE, THEY JUST WANT THE MONEY THAT WILL FIND IT'S WAY INTO THEIR CORRUPT LITTLE LIVES. JESUS ARE THERE NO BRAINS LEFT IN STATE GOVERNMENT?
- I am very opposed to the terminal unless we can be absolutely certain the dredging of shipping lanes will not further exacerbate our erosion problems on the beach.
- I see no benefit for BHI, only problems. The infrastructure to be built to support the Port will be tremendous and a waste.
- Stop the Port
- We need serious, objective analysis of the impacts of the port as a basis for a final, formal position. I'm not sure we will get this from the Ports Authority.
- I am in favor of this if and only if the channel can be built or dredged in such a way to prevent erosion on BHI and surrounding islands. if that can not be done then this Port should be relocated.