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Shoreline Protection Update:

Dredging: The USACE received only partial funding for dredging and they have prioritized two locations – the turning basin near downtown Wilmington and the Outer Bar off the coast of BHI/Caswell Beach/Oak Island. Neither location is expected to generate any beach quality sand; hence the spoils will all be disposed off-shore. The hopper dredge working the Outer Bar has been seen near Bald Head Island where they can safely work on the plant or relocate to accommodate commercial traffic.

Legal action: The Village has a mediation conference on January 25<sup>th</sup> regarding the lawsuit with USACE. The conference is a procedural requirement for all civil matters and we do not expect any changes in our strategy to result. We will continue to provide updates as information comes available, and residents are always welcome to contact Town Hall with any concerns or questions by calling 910-457-9700.

Beach Survey: The Village has also received notice that the USACE will be conducting their regular beach profile surveys this month (tentatively scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>). These surveys often use the LARC (Lighter Amphibious Research Craft) that survey in the water and by driving up on to the beach. Additionally they will be surveying the dry beach and the frontal dune system to the first row of houses.