

Bald Head Island Beach Preservation Committee

Ad Hoc Committee on the North Carolina International Terminal

After receiving unanimous support from Bald Head Island business and non-profit entities and a clear mandate from BHI stakeholders, the Ad Hoc Committee on the NCIT opposes the construction of said Port and recommends that the BHI Shoreline Protection Committee do so as well.

Anne Kane Co Chair

Tom Hayden Co Chair

June 18, 2010

Shoreline Protection Committee - NCIT Recommendation to Village Council

The Shoreline Protection Committee unanimously recommends that the Village Council of Bald Head Island fully consider and adopt a Village Resolution in opposition to the North Carolina International Terminal (NCIT). Further, it is recommended that the Village petition the North Carolina Legislature to vote against the expenditure of any taxpayer funds on the NCIT under the 2011 fiscal year budget.

The Committee recommends that Bald Head Island opposition to the NCIT be widely and publicly communicated to stakeholders, neighboring Brunswick County municipalities, key North Carolina Legislators, the Executive Branch, and the press. The timing of the suggested broad communication should be as soon as possible in hopes of providing this information to State Legislators as they finalize the NC fiscal year budget.

Further, it is suggested that the NCIT opposition be directly linked with past and current public beach and shoal erosion caused, since 2000, if not before, by the expansion of the Wilmington Navigation Channel. The future expansion of the navigation channel necessary to support the NCIT will undoubtedly result in further, more severe, negative impact to BHI and its environment.

The damage that results from past and future expansion of the navigation channel threatens to undermine the sustainability and continuing viability of both the developed and nature preserve portions of the barrier island complex.

The NCIT should be actively and aggressively opposed.

This recommendation is fully compatible with and reflective of the feelings of the overwhelming majority of individual BHI property owners as well as each of the key Island organizations as determined by the survey work carried out by the independent Ad Hoc NCIT Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Shoreline Protection Committee
Brooke Williams, Chair
June 16, 2010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
OPPOSING THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL**

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Bald Head Island (“Village”) appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to work in conjunction with the Village Shoreline Protection Committee to study and make recommendations concerning the proposed North Carolina International Terminal (“NCIT”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed NCIT would involve construction of an intermodal shipping container terminal for ocean going vessels at Southport, North Carolina, including shipping channel (“Channel”) deepening and widening in the vicinity of Bald Head Island; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee attended public hearings; reviewed studies and documents from the North Carolina State Ports Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) and other stakeholders regarding the NCIT; and conducted a survey of Island property owners and residents regarding the NCIT; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee and Shoreline Protection Committee provided information and recommendations to the Village Council regarding the NCIT which have been duly considered; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee and Shoreline Protection Committee strongly recommend the adoption of the herein Resolution; and

WHEREAS, opposition to the NCIT is overwhelmingly supported by local residents and communities, including Bald Head Island (“BHI”) residents, and local property owners residing in other municipalities throughout North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, BHI has been severely damaged since 2000, if not before, by accelerated beach and protective shoal erosion caused by expansion and continuing maintenance of the navigation Channel serving the Port of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, documented damage to BHI includes adverse environmental impact on the unique area ecologies, habitat loss, and permanent loss of Island infrastructure, public beaches and private property; and

WHEREAS, Mitigation programs promised by the USACE and the State of North Carolina in conjunction with the 2000 expansion of the navigation Channel have not been funded or completed; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has not allocated funds for the USACE scheduled 2010-1011 maintenance dredging of the Channel, which would provide sand to BHI under the Channel Project's Sand Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, further expansion of the shipping Channel is certain to exacerbate the rate and extent of damage to BHI and its unique ecosystems, as well as to the thousands of acres of adjacent natural areas under the care and protection of state and federal authorities; and

WHEREAS, the premises underlying the NCIT project appear flawed, as current cost estimates are unrealistically low and resultant jobs creation and economic benefits are overstated; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts are beyond quantification and not realistically capable of mitigation. Increased light, air, sound, and water pollution, as well as security issues at the adjacent Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant and Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, would result from the NCIT; and

WHEREAS, the annual transport of many thousands or millions of shipping containers would be unduly disruptive and harmful to many Brunswick County communities; and

WHEREAS, the highly desirable natural resource-based recreation, tourism, and retirement nature of the Brunswick County coast would be lost forever to the citizens of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Bald Head Island that:

1. The Village opposes further study or construction of the NCIT.
2. The Village urges the General Assembly and Agencies of North Carolina to:
 - a. fund all unaddressed and outstanding mitigation commitments made in support of the 2000 Channel;
 - b. find and fund a solution to Channel-caused erosion of state-owned BHI beaches and protective shoals; and
 - c. maximize the performance of the existing Wilmington Harbor Project.

Adopted by the Village of Bald Head Island Council on this the 18th day of June, 2010.

J. ANDREW SAYRE, Mayor

ATTESTED:

DARALYN SPIVEY, Deputy Village Clerk