



Masonboro Island Reserve
Local Advisory Committee Meeting
March 30, 2015, 3 pm
Habitat Conference Room, UNCW CMS

Attendance

<u>LAC Partner Organization Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
NC Audubon, Walker Golder	Yes
Friends of the Reserve (FOR)	No
New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Steve Schmidlin	Yes
New Hanover County Planning Department, Chris O'Keefe	Yes
NC Coastal Land Trust, Jesica Blake	No
Division of Marine Fisheries	No
Division of Parks and Recreation – CB, Chris Helms	No
Town of Wrightsville Beach	No
<u>Community Members and Community Organizations Members</u>	
Neal Andrew	Yes
Richard Cecelski	Yes
Masonboro.org – Richard Johnson	Yes
Haywood Newkirk	Yes
William Raney	Yes
Pat Rittenmeyer	No
Sam Romano	No
Dr. Anthony Snider	No
Surfrider, Cape Fear – Sean Ahlum	No
Ted Wilgis	No
Martin Willard	Yes
Dr. Amanda Williard	No
<u>Others Present</u>	
Hope Sutton, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Stewardship Coordinator & Southern Sites Manager	
Rebecca Ellin, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Reserve Manager	
Whitney Jenkins, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Coastal Training Program Coordinator	
Abi DelGiorno, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Stewardship & Research Specialist	
Byron Toothman, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Research Associate	
Marie Davis, DCM/NCCR & NCNERR Education Specialist	

NCNERR Management Plan Update

Prior to the meeting, members received a copy of the draft strategic plan portion of the management plan for review, as part of the NCNERR 2016-2021 management plan update process. Rebecca Ellin presented a summary of the input that was received through the stakeholder engagement process during the preceding fall; this input informed the strategic plan and will also be used to inform the content of program chapters which will provide more detailed information regarding the work the Reserve does and how it relates to the sites. She also provided an overview of the process used to develop the draft strategic plan and reviewed the format and content of the plan. Whitney Jenkins facilitated a group discussion with the Local Advisory Committee members. During the discussion, members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on each element of the strategic plan: the vision and mission, the goals and objectives associated with the administrative, research, education and stewardship aspects of the Reserve's work, and the newly developed topical areas. Rebecca provided additional information regarding the next steps in the management plan update process which include submitting the strategic plan for NOAA review and development of the content of the chapters associated with each of the program areas mentioned above. Committee discussion was tabled due to time constraints with the understanding that an additional meeting would be scheduled to complete the discussion.

Reserve-wide and Site Update Report Review

- Members acknowledged receipt of the report containing information and updates on reserve-wide activities and site conditions and programs prior to the meeting. No member comments or questions were received.

New Business

- None

Roundtable Discussion

- No additional member comments.

Public Comments

- None

Action Items

- Reserve staff will work to schedule a follow-up meeting to allow for completion of the discussion about the strategic plan portion of the NCNERR Management Plan.