Our Task

• Assigned to us by the Legislature.
• Study advisability and feasibility of terminal groins in NC.
• No later than April 1 we are to report our findings to the legislature.
Where Are We

• M&N Report is almost final.
  – M&N has consulted and received input and advice from the Science Panel.
• Have had several hearings – two more scheduled.
• CRC/CRAC Steering Committee has met twice.
• You have the draft report.
Where Are We

• M&N Report is informative and covers all topics called for in legislation.
• Includes five study sites.
• Did not attempt to analyze NC inlets for groin placement.
• Report highlights conditions at specific inlets, but as expected, the report does not do our work for us.
Where Do We Go Now?

• We need to develop recommendations to the Legislature.
• It should include our assessment of learnings from the M&N Report.
• And should include recommendations for action on groins.
How to Get There

• Today we provide to Staff a sense of where we are on the report and terminal groins.
• Staff begins development of the CRC document to accompany the Report.
• March 1 – final M&N Report.
• March 12 – Science Panel
• March 18 – Steering Committee refines Staff’s draft.
• March 25 & 26 – CRC refines and adopts.
• April 1 – deliver to the Legislature.
Possible Recommendations

- Retain the Ban With the Existing Exceptions (Status Quo)
- Retain the Ban and Get Rid of the Exceptions
- Retain the Ban With Existing and New Exceptions (Only Dredged Inlets?)
- Restore the CRC’s Former Authority and Handle Terminal Groins with a Variance Procedure
  - With Standard Variance Criteria
  - With Specific Variance Criteria
- Retain the Ban but the Legislature Gives the CRC Authority to Develop Procedures for Permitting Terminal Groins
- Do More Study