



CRC Science Panel: Nominations & SLR Study Process

N.C. Coastal Resources Commission Meeting

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Nominations

- Discussed at the May meeting—decision left to chairman in consultation with Executive Committee
- One appointment made to Science Panel; no others planned until SLR study is complete
- No ad hoc appointments made for SLR study



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SLR Study Process

1. Science Panel delivers draft report to CRC by December 31, 2014.
2. CRC sends draft to Drs. Robert Dean (Professor Emeritus, University of Florida) and James Houston (USACE, retired) on January 1, 2015.
3. Drs. Dean and Houston write a brief review with comments and suggestions as appropriate; forwards to the Science Panel through CRC by January 21, 2015.
4. Science Panel submits a response to Drs. Dean and Houston's comments, through the CRC, by February 15, 2015.
5. Drs. Dean and Houston respond in writing as to whether the Science Panel has adequately addressed their comments, by February 28, 2015.
6. Science Panel delivers final report to CRC by March 31, 2015 (H819 deadline).
7. All documents, incl. Dean & Houston's, released to the public and public comment period begins; public hearing at next scheduled CRC meeting.
8. Final report, incl. economic analysis and all public comments, delivered to NCGA by March 1, 2016.



SLR Study Process

**All parties have agreed
to this process and timeline.**



SLR Study Process

- Science Panel met on July 21st for mostly procedural discussion.
- Plan to meet monthly; all meetings are public.
- 11 members, 4 vacancies. All volunteers, receive no compensation.
- Currently working on the SLR report and the Inlet Hazard AEC study.

Steve Benton

Bill Birkemeier

Bill Cleary

Tom Jarrett

Margery Overton (Chair)

Charles “Pete” Peterson

Stan Riggs

Spencer Rogers

Greg “Rudi” Rudolph

Beth Sciaudone

Rob Young



CRC CHARGE TO THE SCIENCE PANEL FOR SEA-LEVEL RISE

The CRC has determined that the issue of potential sea-level rise is of extreme importance to the State, its policy makers and the citizens of NC. It is further noted that periodic updates of current data are vital to help formulate future policy.

The CRC therefore charges the Science Panel to conduct a comprehensive review of scientific literature and available North Carolina data that addresses the full range of global, regional and North Carolina specific sea-level change.

The CRC further determines that the scope and time period of the study and report regarding sea-level rise shall be limited to a “Rolling 30-Year Time Table”. It is the intent of the CRC that this Rolling 30-Year Time Table will be updated every five years.

The CRC further directs the Science Panel to report regional ranges of possible sea-level rise as described in S.L. 2012-202.

It is the policy of the CRC that a 30-year study period is consistent with other time periods such as oceanfront setback policy and home mortgages.