

TISPC

Washington, DC Legislative Visit



NTB Participants

- Alderman Tom Leonard
- Manager Alice Derian

April 15-17, 2024

Trip Objectives

- Secure Senate Support for NTB CBRA Bill Passage
 - House Resolution 2437 & Companion Legislation
- Continue Efforts with Congressional Staffs on HR-2437 for Passage and Support
- Continued USACE Funding for Dredging of New River and New Topsail Inlets
- Use of Sand from USACE AIWW Disposal Areas for Beach Projects (DA-143)
- Improve FEMA Island Wide Disaster Recovery Coordination

Meeting Schedule

- Monday, April 15
 - TISPC In-briefing with The Ferguson Group
 - FEMA Region 4
 - Agreed to one Topsail Island PDMG Per Future Storm Event
 - Mr. Doug Levine, House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries
 - HR-2437 Next Steps
 - CBO Scoring Process and Timeline
 - » Agreed to Follow-up and Monitor Progress

Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, April 16
 - Senator Ted Budd and Staff
 - Requested and Secured Support for HR-2437 (NTB CBRA Bill) and Follow-on Legislation
 - Congressman David Rouzer and Staff
 - Appreciation for HR-2437 Co-sponsorship and Continued Support

Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, April 16 – Continued
 - Congressman Murphy and Legislative Assistant Ray Celeste
 - Continued Support and Assistance HR-2437
 - NTB Visit by Representative from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - USFWS Testified in Opposition of HB-2437.
 - Formal Request by Congressman Murphy that USFWS Visit NTB to Better Understand our CBRA Situation
 - Senator Thom Tillis Key Staff
 - Requested and Secured Support for HR-2437 and Follow-on Legislation

Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, April 17
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Town of Surf City Federal Project Start Date
 - No Confirmation
 - North Topsail Beach Future Use of DA-143 for Projects
 - USACE Agreed No Further Study Required
 - USACE to Coordinate Same with Wilmington District
 - Continued Dredging Funds for New River and New Topsail Inlets and Connecting Channels

H.R. 2437

- Introduced by Congressman Murphy, March 30, 2023
- Co-sponsored by Congressman Rouzer
- Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, March 30, 2023
- Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee Hearing September 28, 2023
- Passed Full Committee, November 15, 2023

What's Next?

- CBO Scoring
 - Currently Underway
- House Floor
 - Most Likely Part of Larger CBRA Bill
- Companion Senate Bill

How Can I Help?

- Write to Senators Budd and Tillis
- Write to Members of Congress
- Out of State Property Owners
 - Ask Your Representatives to please support H.R. 2437

Questions?

