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## **2023 Advocate Goals [Revised Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2022]**

### **State Goals:**

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- A. Advocate for recurring funding for the Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund
  - B. Continue to ensure funding for the Shallow Draft Inlet Dredging Fund
  - C. Work to change state funding and local financing guidelines for terminal groins
  - D. Request state support for the non-Federal Owners obligation under the USACE Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Fund (PL 84-99) following storm damage
  - E. Work to pass state legislation to ban and to remove derelict vessels
  - F. Continue to advocate for funding addressing island-wide resiliency projects
  - G. Notify TISPC of pending legislation and regulations that impacts Topsail Island
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### **Federal Goals**

- A. Obtain legislation to allow the continued use of sand from the New Topsail Inlet and New River Inlet CBRA zones for non-CBRA zone beach nourishment when federal funds are involved
  - B. Advocate to promote Community Rating System discounts while working to support the Federal Flood Insurance Program with emphasis based on fairness of historical claims
  - C. Develop an island-wide consistency with one FEMA team to assist towns in dealing with disaster recovery efforts and to improve knowledge of local coastal conditions
  - D. Continue to pursue legislation to amend the NTB CBRA Map Unit L06
  - E. Notify TISPC of pending legislation and regulations that impacts Topsail Island
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## **Local Commission Goals**

- A. Promote adoption of the 'Beach Clean' initiative by businesses and educate public to its goals
- B. Encourage Pender and Onslow County to adopt a ban on use of non-encapsulated Styrofoam in docks and piers
- C. Encourage Pender and Onslow County to adopt a ban on derelict vessels
- D. Work to increase understanding and cooperation between TISPC and environmental groups locally as well as regionally
- E. Work through NC BIWAYS or other groups to identify and partner with communities (e.g. Wrightsville Beach) within and outside of NC that have similar situations where inlet maintenance complements beach nourishment with no environmental impacts.
- F. Promote a Vitex education and eradication program for Topsail Island
- G. Move to use of mats versus permanent structures over new dune systems
- H. Complete joint RCCP project and continue to upgrade storm runoff system across the island
- I. Stay abreast of studies on sea-level rise particularly as it relates to coastal and sound-side flooding then integrate into state and federal goals as appropriate
- J. Understand and monitor CRC regulations and proposed rulemaking for integration into state and federal goals as appropriate
- K. Be involved with efforts to find solutions for the disposal of non-federal dredge materials