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RE: Proposed Designation of the **Drop Anchor, 39 Ocean Blvd., Southern Shores, Dare County.**

Dear Mr. Haskett:

Thank you for the report you submitted on behalf of the Southern Shores Historic Preservation Commission for the proposed designation Drop Anchor, 39 Ocean Blvd., Southern Shores, Dare County. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

We have shared recommendations with staff to include some additional information in the report. With these additions, we feel the report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether Drop Anchor possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Local landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance of the property would be subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of up to fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 *et seq.*).

If the local governing board wishes to extend the preservation commission's design review authority to significant features of the interior, the owner must give written consent. The designation ordinance must specify the features and describe the nature of the preservation commission's design review authority over them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Southern

Shores Historic Preservation Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form or the ordinance to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of Drop Anchor, 39 Ocean Blvd., Southern Shores, Dare County. Please contact me at Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure