



## Agenda Item Summary Sheet

**Date:** 2/04/25

**Item #:** consent

**Item Title:** Consideration of Resolution of Support for Updating the 2016 Beach and Inlet Management Plan (BIMP)

**Item Summary:** The Town is a member of the North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association (NCBIWA). NCBIWA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-deductible association founded in 1998 with a mission to work on behalf of North Carolina's coast by seeking to encourage government action and funding, educate and advocate for effective Federal and State policy, and facilitate environmentally sound scientific and engineering solutions for the State's threatened beaches, inlets and waterways

The primary goal for NCBIWA is encouraging the General Assembly to fund an update to the NC Beach and Inlet Management Plan better known as the BIMP. The BIMP was first funded in 2007 from the General Assembly and updated in 2016 but there have been no updates since. This makes advocacy difficult when the latest numbers for both economic growth and costs for beach nourishment are gravely outdated. See attached one-pager regarding the background of the BIMP.

NCBIWA is asking their members to pass a resolution of support for updating the BIMP as well as adding this objective to their legislative agenda. Without correct updated data, it will be difficult to accurately project direct expenditure generated by the beaches and inlets as well as the number of jobs created and the total State tax revenue from all these sectors. In addition, it will be difficult to determine the recreational consumer surplus resulting from beaches and inlets nor will it be possible to accurately determine the scope and costs associated with beach nourishment and dredging projects in the state.

The Council is asked to consider adoption of the attached resolution.

**Staff Recommendation and Requested Action:** Staff recommends and requests Town Council approval of Resolution #2025-0201

**Attachments: Resolution #2025-0201**

Further information regarding the BIMP