



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2021

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of Resolution opposing US Fish & Wildlife Service's proposed designation of critical habitat for the Rufa Red Knot

ITEM SUMMARY:

The US Fish & Wildlife Service is proposing the designation of critical habitat for the Rufa Red Knot. To the extent that such designation might close beaches during beach nourishment project construction windows, it could significantly impact ability to construct projects and could increase costs if required to construct outside current scheduled windows. Carteret County and Dare County has expressed concern as to the effect this may have on their beach nourishment and dredging projects and has adopted a similar resolution.

Attached please find a resolution opposing the US Fish & Wildlife Service's proposed designation of critical habitat for the Rufa Red Knot for the Council's consideration at the September 7th Council meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adopts Resolution 2021-09-02

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09-02 opposing US Fish & Wildlife Service's proposed designation of critical habitat for the Rufa Red Knot.