

**Sent:** Sun, February 7, 2010 5:53:57 PM

**Subject:** Request to Allow Your Name to be Used To Lobby for Terminal Groins in North Carolina

Dear Figure Eight Landowners,

You recently received an email that requested you provide permission to use your name to lobby for a new law in North Carolina that could allow the construction of terminal groins. The email references the on-going study by the NC Coastal Resources Commission. A draft of this study was just released last Monday, and it is now beginning to be peer reviewed by scientists, engineers, policy makers, and the public. The final study should be completed on April 1, 2010.

I encourage you to educate yourself by reading the study before you authorize others to use your name to lobby for terminal groins (and other yet undefined erosion control tools). A draft of the report can be found on the NC Division of Coastal Management's website. Go to:

<http://dcm2.enr.state.nc.us/CRC/tgs/terminal%20groin%20study.html>

The State is paying the engineering firm Moffatt and Nichol \$300,000 to prepare this report.

Even before the report has been peer reviewed, it is hardly a ringing endorsement of terminal groins. The study found that beach nourishment **MUST** continue after these structures are constructed. Other than temporarily anchoring the tip of barrier islands, there is very little experience and evidence showing that these structures will reduce the need for beach nourishment on islands such as Figure Eight. The total cost of building a 1,500 foot terminal groin (similar to what has been proposed for Figure Eight Island) is estimated to be around \$6 to \$10 million, and about \$1 million a year for maintenance (not including annual beach nourishment needs).

I encourage you to research this issue for yourself. You may want to review the final report (after April 1) before you give anyone a "blank check" to use your name to lobby.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

With best regards,

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