

APPENDIX J: RESERVE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

iii. University of North Carolina at Wilmington and DCM*

(* new MOU is in development)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum serves as an expression of intent between the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development/Division of Coastal Management and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Witnesseth

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has received a grant from the United States Department of Commerce for acquisition and development of four sites on the North Carolina coast as the North Carolina National Estuarine Sanctuary, and

WHEREAS, the Zeke's Island and Masonboro Island Components of the North Carolina National Estuarine Sanctuary have been established in New Hanover/ Brunswick Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development is responsible for developing a program to promote and encourage the use of these and other Sanctuary sites for research and education, and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington has for years used both sites for research and educational activities and has faculty members on the State and Local Estuarine Sanctuary Advisory Committees, and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort to provide and promote research and educational use of the Components will be to the mutual benefit of both parties,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the Signatories agree to the following:

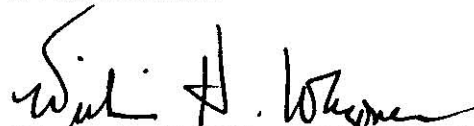
1. The purpose of the Estuarine Sanctuary Program is the protection of lands for use as natural field laboratories and living classrooms in which to gather data and educate the people of North Carolina concerning natural and human processes occurring within North Carolina's estuaries.
2. The Sanctuary Management Plan will provide a framework for conducting research and educational programs on the Sanctuary sites. The Management Plan has been developed by the Estuarine Sanctuary staff and will be periodically reviewed by the State and Local Advisory Committees and concerned citizens and users of the Sanctuary.
3. The Signatories will adhere to the approved Management Plan in their research and educational use of the Sanctuary.
4. The University shall be fully and regularly consulted by the Sanctuary staff regarding research and educational opportunities and information as well as management policies pertaining to the Sanctuary.
5. Educational programs led by the University staff will stay within the area of the site designated for public access and shall not in any way interfere with research projects. However, specific visits to research sites may be accommodated by prior consultation and approval of the researcher(s) and the Estuarine Sanctuary Coordinator.

6. The staff of the University shall keep a log of their visitation to the sites. These records will be filed periodically with the Sanctuary Coordinator. The University staff will further notify the Sanctuary Coordinator as necessary of signs of overuse, vandalism, or other deterioration.

Signed,

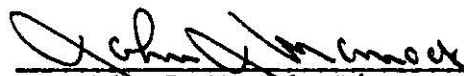
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