

APPENDIX J: RESERVE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

ix. University of North Carolina Sea Grant College Program and DCM

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 Sea Grant College Program.

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 (see Appendix A) on the North Carolina coast as the North Carolina National Estuarine Sanctuary, and

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

WHEREAS, the Sea Grant College Program has as one of its goals the education of the public concerning estuarine and marine resources, and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort to provide and promote research and public educational use of the Sanctuary will be to the mutual benefit of both agencies,

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 public concerning North Carolina's estuaries.
2. The Sanctuary Management Plan provides 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 Local and State Advisory Committees and concerned citizens and users of the Sanctuary.
3. The Signatories will adhere to the approved management plan in their on-site and off-site educational activities concerning the Sanctuary.
4. The Sea Grant Program and the Estuarine Sanctuary Program shall encourage the best researchers to conduct their research in and around the sites in accordance with National Estuarine Sanctuary Program regulations.
5. The Estuarine Sanctuary staff will work with the Sea Grant Education Specialist to develop off-site educational programs and materials (e.g., slide shows, exhibits, brochures) specifically for the sites.

6. On-site educational programs led by the Sea Grant staff will stay within the area of the site(s) designated for public access and will 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.
7. The staff of the North Carolina National Estuarine Sanctuary will provide the Sea Grant Education Specialist with periodic updates on the research and educational information available from the Sanctuary sites which might be applicable to Sea Grant educational programs.
8. The Sea Grant Education Specialist will keep a log of visitation to the Sanctuary. These records will be filed periodically with the Sanctuary Coordinator. The Specialist will further notify the Coordinator if a given site exhibits signs of overuse, vandalism, or other damage or deterioration.

Signed,

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM

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