

APPENDIX J: RESERVE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

vii. North Carolina Maritime Museum 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 North Carolina Department of Agriculture/North Carolina Maritime Museum.

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 Rachel Carson Component of the North Carolina National Estuarine Sanctuary has been established on the Carrot Island-Bird Shoal complex opposite Beaufort, N.C., and

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture operates the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort for the purpose of providing public education on estuarine and marine resources, and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort to provide and promote public educational use of the Rachel Carson Component of the Sanctuary will be to the mutual benefit of both Departments,

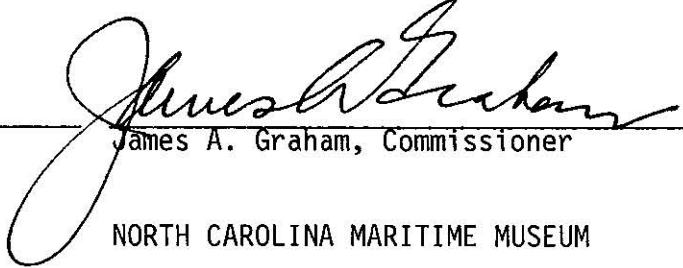
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the Signatories agree to the following:

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 for the Rachel Carson Component will provide a framework for conducting research and educational programs on the sanctuary site. 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 within the Sanctuary.
4. The North Carolina Maritime Museum shall be fully and regularly consulted by the sanctuary staff regarding educational opportunities and policies on the sanctuary site.

5. The staff of the Museum will continue existing on-site and off-site educational programs for the Sanctuary. The estuarine sanctuary staff will work with the Museum staff to expand these on-site programs and to develop off-site educational programs and materials (e.g., slide shows, exhibits, brochures) specifically for this site.
6. On-site educational programs led by the Museum's 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.
7. The staff of the North Carolina National Estuarine Sanctuary shall provide the Museum staff with periodic updates on the research and educational information available from the sanctuary sites as well as other sanctuary programs which might be applicable to the Museum's educational programs.
8. The staff of the Museum shall keep a log of their visitation to the site. These records will be filed periodically with the Sanctuary Coordinator. They will further notify the Coordinator as necessary of signs of overuse, vandalism, or other damage or deterioration.

Signed,

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DATE 3/17/85 
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NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
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DIVISION OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

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