Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks
- Revisit Working Definition of Beach Preservation
- Workgroup Recommendations
  - BREAK
- Recommendations Analysis
  - LUNCH
- Continued Discussion on Policy Recommendations
- Wrap-up & Next Steps
Workgroup Guiding Principles

- Commitment
- Transparency
- Mutual respect
- Active participation
- Dialogue and listening
- Solution-focused
- Strive for consensus
- Perspective of the full SC coast
Introductions

• Name
• Affiliation
• What are your goals from this process?

**If new to the group**
Workgroup Goals

- Ensure discussion reflected in policies/regulations
- Balance needs
- Identify tools for beach preservation
- Discuss proactive planning and management
- Share knowledge, expertise, and information
- Identify forum(s) and innovative methods for info sharing
- Identify funding and discuss implementation
Stakeholders

- Public Beach User
- Property Owners
- Conservationist & Natural Resources
- Local Governments
- Regulatory & Resource Agencies
- Tourists
- Business Owners
- Academics
- Elected Officials
- Industry & Coastal Engineering
- Future Generations
- Developers & Realtors
- General Public
- Non-human Species
- Infrastructure & Utilities
- State of South Carolina
Interests & Considerations

- Connection to place and quality/way of life
- Public beach access
- Looking for efficient use of funds; concern surrounding investments in bad, short-term solutions
- Habitat protection and ecosystem management/preservation
- Storm protection of assets, roads, utilities
- Resilience and stability of resource
- Experiencing the intrinsic, natural aspects and value of the natural resources
- Feasibility of long-term planning; difficult to balance short- and long-term management of policies and processes
SC Beach Preservation Process

- **Step 01**: Identify Workgroup Themes/Topics
- **Step 02**: Stakeholder Workgroup
- **Step 03**: Beach Preservation Stakeholder Workgroup Meetings
- **Step 04**: Research, Evaluate, Inform
- **Step 05**: Final Report
Stakeholder Workgroup - Timeline

- **Kickoff Meeting**
  - (June 2022)

- **Convene Workgroup**
  - (May 2022)

- **Beach Nourishment**
  - (July 2022)

- **Meeting #3**
  - (August 2022)

- **Thematic Meeting #4**
  - (September 2022)

- **Final Report**
  - (December 2022)

- **Draft Report**
  - (October/November 2022)
What is Beach Preservation?
Definition of Beach Preservation (BRC, 2013)

“preservation” includes the implementation of coastal management techniques such as beach nourishment, the landward movement and/or removal of habitable structures whenever necessary and feasible, the conservation of undeveloped shorelines and sand dune creation and stabilization using sand fencing and native vegetation.
Ideas

- **Maintaining** the current state or status quo
- **Preserving** natural functions
- **Pro-actively** maintaining the functionality of the beach/dune system
- **Protecting** and **enhancing** natural beach processes
- **Balancing** habitat and environmental concerns with current development
- **Protecting** the highly dynamic ecological processes and functions that shape, form and maintain the beach, dunes and nearshore habitat.
Discussion

- Is there something missing?
- Are there terms that could be better highlighted?
- Are certain components challenging/concerning?

From a policy perspective, consider how this definition will be used.
Workgroup Recommendations

Does the Work Group reaffirm the State's current Beach Nourishment Policy as a component of beach preservation?

Beach Nourishment Policy (SC Code 48-39-260(5))
to "promote carefully planned nourishment as a means of beach preservation and restoration where economically feasible"

- Need for cost/benefit analysis
- Propose "allow" or "permit" rather than "promote"
- Updating beach nourishment project standards
- Consider areas that do not provide "public access"
- "Carefully planned nourishment" means creating a comprehensive schedule of nourishment projects and ensuring adequate funding resources
Does the Work Group recommend the establishment of a Beach Preservation Fund?

- Clearly define how the fund can be used
- Clearly define criteria, eligibility, and local government responsibilities for the fund
- Design criteria designed to incentivize long-term planning
- Only beaches with full public access should be able to receive funding
- Should not be a bailout fund
Workgroup Recommendations

If a Beach Preservation Fund was established, does the Work Group recommend additional coordination and planning (Comprehensive Plans, LCBMPs, Resilience, etc) between state, county, and local entities?

• It’s important for all involved to realize that all stakeholders may need to compromise for the benefit of all concerned

• OCRM could consider policy to require Special Area Management Plans (SAMPs), which would be consistent with climate resiliency plans

• Resilience plans should be incorporated into Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plans (LCBMPs). These plans could serve for both short- and long-term beach needs

• Planning for local governments with their own LCBMPs looks very different from planning for HOAs and other entities that locally manage beaches
Short Break
Recommendations Analysis

DHEC Policy - Statute, Regulation or Both

Other Federal, State, Local Government, or Partner Led Efforts

Non-regulatory Recommendations
- Best Management Practice, Standard Operation Procedure, Project-level, Education/Outreach
Lunch
Further Discussion
Next Steps

• **Meeting Summary**
  • A high-level summary of the meeting (presentation slides, decision points and takeaways) will be provided within the next 2 weeks

• **Next Meetings**
  • September 21, 2022
  • October - TBD

• **Provide Your Feedback**
Thank You