Burgos, Alexander N

From: KBrown <KBrown@outerbankschamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 8:39 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Comments regarding Jockey's Ridge AEC designation
Attachments: CRC Comments for Jockeys Ridge.pdf

Please see attached.

Karen S. Brown, MBA, CCE, CCEC, IOM
President & CEO
Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
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NC Coastal Resources Commission (CRC)
rrc.comments@oah.nc.gov

RE: Comment regarding Jocky's Ridge

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) represents over 800 businesses and organizations which account for over 3,000 employees in our area. The Chamber has long been a proponent of the local environment and the unique places that make the Outer Banks special.

The Outer Banks Chamber strongly supports the temporary rules the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) adopted. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

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The lose of the AEC designation may jeopardize the designation of Jockey's Ridge as a National Natural Landmark. Losing this National Natural Landmark designation would negatively impact not only the protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park but tourism and the economic benefits that accompany it.

The Outer Banks Chamber firmly believes the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Respectfully,

Robert

Karen

Robert DeFazio, Chairman of the Board

Karen Brown, President & CEO

Burgos, Alexander N

From: MarKee Weaver <markeeweaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 10:32 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
MarKee Weaver
Roanoke Rapids , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Greg hamby <cypressmooninn@mindspring.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 11:28 AM
To: rrc.comments; President Pro Tem Phil Berger; edward.goodwin@ncleg.gov; Rep. Tim Moore; bobby.hanig@ncleg.gov; Senator Norman Sanderson; keith.kidwell@ncleg.net
Subject: [External] Re: Jockey's Ridge State Park

Hello, I must ask why Jockeys RidgevState Park would not be an area of Environmental Concern? It is a natural geological feature that is now within a developed area, that being the Town of Nags Head. Sand Dunes naturally migrate. It is no longer possible for this to happen. Sand that blows onto adjacent private property needs to be put back on the dune. This is the only way to preserve this North Carolina Landmark and State Park that is visited by tax paying visitors in the tens of thousands every year. Those visitors help pay the saleries of NC State employees and even members of the legislature.
I will submit that the RRC is uninformed in these matters that pertain to coastal geology and the rules needed to keep our coast a place that visitors can enjoy in as much of a natural state as possible.
Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2024, at 4:0 PM, Greg hamby <cypressmooninn@mindspring.com> wrote:
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> Hello, As a lodging business owner in Kitty Hawk I would like to see Jockey's Ridge State Park have its Area of Environmental Concern continue in perpetuity. This place is Iconic for North Carolina. This park is a huge favorite of visitors to the area who pay occupancy and sales taxes while visiting. This revenue is important for Our State.
> The citizens and friends of The Outer Banks saved this natural treasure from destruction by development.
> Sincerely, Greg Hamby, The Cypress Moon Inn Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: INDIA JENKINS <northphotoclub@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:01 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
India Jenkins
(Raised in) Charlotte, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Samuel White <samhwhite@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:00 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Sam White
Brooklyn, NY

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Gordon Schuit <gordonschuit@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Gordon Schuit
Asheville , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Karen Reeder <kmreeder71@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge & other Outer Banks areas

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Very sincerely,

Karen Reeder

Nags Head Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Meghan MacNair <meghanmacnair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Thank You

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Chris Lyle <clyle.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:57 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Chris Lyle

Charlotte , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Eric Howard <howardeg.0@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge SP AEC Temporary Rules

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Thank you,
Eric Howard, P.G.
Nags Head Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Cola Vaughan <obxcola@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:53 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

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Cola F. Vaughan

324 W. Soundside Rd

Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Maggie Barrick <palmettoandpaper@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:52 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's ridge

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Bella

___southern shores_____ , NC

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Thanks for your help!

Rosemary Gordon

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tricia Joseph <triciajoseph@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:51 PM
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Burgos, Alexander N

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Seth Barrick

___SOUTHERN SHORES_____ , NC

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Very sincerely,
Janel Monroe , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Anna Brugh <ahutterb17@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:44 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge

To the members of the rules review commission:

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Best,
Anna Brugh

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Waylon Knab <wsknab@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:44 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC status for Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Best,

Waylon Knab

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Molly Vaughan <mollyvaughan823@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:43 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge Temporary Rules

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Thank you,
Molly Vaughan
Nags Head Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Hailey <hmlosselyong@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:42 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Hailey Losselyong

Burgos, Alexander N

From: kacy watts <kacywatts0513@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:40 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge!!!

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Doug Yorke <douglas.j.yorke@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:38 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge AEC status

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Sincerely,
Doug Yorke
Charlottesville, Virginia

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jessica calderon <jessicac1227@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:37 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Jessica Calderon

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Mary Copper <mcopper94@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:35 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Mary Copper
Raleigh, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: London Williams <londo2014@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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London Williams

Burgos, Alexander N

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Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:32 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Very sincerely,
(type your name in here)
Shirley Cook, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Cherish Williams <cherish.williams4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Cherish Williams, NC Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Pier Duncan <pier.duncan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Burgos, Alexander N

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Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:26 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Imani Brown
Greensboro , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Janelle Lewis <janelle.r.lewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:22 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Area of Environmental Concern

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Very sincerely,

Janelle Lewis
Creedmoor, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Megan Lambert <jasonandmeg@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:20 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Temporary rules

I am writing today to support the rules recently adopted by the CRC and ask that they are permanently restored . All of these rules are important and must be put back in place permanently.
I have lived in our beautiful town of Nags Head for many years and am honored to have recently been elected as one of our Town Commissioners. I know first hand , that our town takes a great deal of pride and works hard to preserve the natural beauty and unique landscape of our town. Jockeys Ridge is at the heart of our town(literally) as the entire park is located in Nags Head as well.
One rule in particular affects AEC designation . When an area is designated as an AEC it protects the area and ensures careful examination of any activities and provides valuable time to consider consequences by others actions . Jockeys Ridge is a designated AEC. To say that it is very special to our visitors and our residents alike would be a massive understatement .
It is for these reasons and many others that I ask that you please help us protect Jockeys Ridge as well as many other areas and reinstate the rules permanently . It is a slippery slope and I am certain if we do not act fast, the future of Jockeys Ridge (and other valuable areas) could be in grave danger. Please help us protect what our community, our town and our visitors hold so dear. Help us protect not only Jockey's Ridge but all the areas that would be affected by not restoring ALL of these rules .

Thank you for your time,
Commissioner Megan Lambert

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jessica Gourley <jessicawillis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:19 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,
Jessica Gourley, Dare County Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Karen Base <karen.base@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:14 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Sincerely,
Karen & David Base
Barrier Island Station
Building 200

Burgos, Alexander N

From: William Gunther <wgunther2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:11 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge, Baby!

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Thank you.
William Gunther

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rachel Gunther <rldgunther@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 4:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge AEC Status

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Thank you,

Rachel Gunther

Burgos, Alexander N

From: craig honeycutt <chomusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Comments Regarding AEC and Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Thank you,

Craig Honeycutt

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Craig Honeycutt, M.B.A., 200 RYT

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Be grateful even for hardship, setbacks, and bad people. Dealing with such obstacles is an essential part of training in the Art of Peace.

-- Morihei Ueshiba

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Hannah Palamara <hannah.e.palamara@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:54 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park

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Best,
Hannah Palamara

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kristen Johnson <kristenaleasejohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:53 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Kristen Johnson, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Carolyn Bucknall <bucknallcarolyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:45 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Olivia Pratt <oliviapratt252@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:41 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,
-Olivia Pratt

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kim Pelham <kim.pelham96@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:39 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
(type your name in here)
_____, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Davis Weidman <dweidman112@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:36 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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(type your name in here)
_____, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: SHARON DILAURA <tandsdilaura@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:34 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Re: Jockey's Ridge and the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation

Hi,

We own a home in Nags Head and Jockey's Ridge is the view from our backyard. We have enjoyed visiting Jockey's Ridge for four decades. We understand the RRC is going to consider the AEC designation soon. We strongly request that the AEC designation remain in place for the following reasons:

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature

observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

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In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Sharon DiLaura
3624 South Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC
Sent from my iPhone

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jeanne Brook <jeanne.brook@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] CRC AEC

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Thank you.

Jeanne Brook
Friends of Jockey's Ridge, Treasurer

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Sheryl Fleck <sherylfleck13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:15 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Keith Jones <kjonesy107@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:14 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Donald K. Jones
Wilmington , NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: emcglaughon@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:15 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Emily McGlaughon
Kill Devil Hills , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

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Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:06 PM
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Very sincerely,
(type your name in here)
Will Hoggard, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Carmesia Straite <ca.straite@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:03 PM
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Carmesia Straite, MHA of North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Chelsea Clark <chelsea@clarklawco.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:02 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Comments regarding Protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern

Hello,
I am a home owner in Nags Head at 114 E Becker Street, which is located across the street from Jockey's Ridge in the Outer Banks.

Based on my life experiences over the past 40 years at my home in North Carolina, I have learned that is critical for the beach and coastal area to protect is natural resources and maintain rural areas where the natural environment and wildlife is protected. The State has a duty to protect these resources and sensitive areas for the benefit of future generations so that they too may enjoy the splendor of such a beautiful natural areas.

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Sincerely,

Chelsea Rae Clark
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www.ClarkLawCO.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ann Nygaard <annnygaard7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:58 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Preserving Jockey's Ridge

I definitely want this beautiful landmark, known as Jockey's Ridge, preserved.

Ann Nygaard
Culpeper VA 22701

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Simone Scott <simoneleescott@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Simone Scott
Chapel Hill , NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Carol Perry <carolmperry@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:54 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park - URGENT

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Carol M. Perry
CarolMPerry@gmail.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Marquise Hudson <mkhudson12@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:44 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Marquise Hudson
Charlotte, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Becky Varilek <wgvarilek@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:42 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

It has come to my attention that the Jockey's Ridge State Park may lose its designation as an "Area of Environmental Concern". This would be a senseless crime on one of North Carolina's natural treasurers. Millions of tourists come to the Outer Banks each year. We have much to offer these tourists with our beaches, kayaking, kite boarding, surfboarding, our lighthouses, fishing opportunities, sports fishing, world famous dining experiences, and the famous sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge.

Jockey's Ridge not only boasts the largest natural living sand dune in the Eastern United States but is also the most visited state park in North Carolina. One can traverse the three trails available for hiking, look for animal tracks in the sand, observe the sun setting, (or rising) from a dune top, have a picnic, take pictures from a different viewpoint, try your hand at hang gliding, or, go fly a kite. Jockey's Ridge offers so much for everyone. There is a beach on the sound side where kayakers, paddle boarders, and kite boarders can launch their watercrafts, with areas for little ones to splash in the water and not be overcome by an ocean wave and parents can breath.

If the rules that govern the safety of visitors and infrastructure within Jockey's Ridge are removed along with the rules that maintain land use and development requirements, Jockey's Ridge will no longer hold the attraction to our visitors AND those of us who live here on the Outer Banks. If we start to remove these rules that help keep Jockey's Ridge a safe place to visit while maintaining no developments in the park, then what will be next? Do we offer up our light houses as AirNBs?

If developers cannot find appropriate land to build upon, then maybe they should look elsewhere and not destroy what took thousands of years to create.

Jockey's Ridge is a treasure to be enjoyed for the next thousand years, NOT become the next rental neighborhood.

Please protect Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Rebecca L. Varilek
8442 S. Old Oregon Inlet Road
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Mary Claire Hardy <mchardy5807@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,

Mary Claire Hardy

Kill Devil Hills, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Alexa Bennett <alexab415@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Alexa Bennett King
Kill Devil Hills , NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Eliza Vaughan <emvaughan11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:31 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge AEC

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Very sincerely,

Eliza Vaughan

Nags Head , NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Cola Vaughan <obxcola@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:30 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC Rules

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Very sincerely,

Cola Vaughan

Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Nicole Wilkinson <nic.ashley.wilkinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:29 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,

Nicole Wilkinson
Durham , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Chanel Porter <cdporter710@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Chanel Porter
Chapel Hill , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Megan Vaughan <mmvaughan11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:24 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC Rules

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Very sincerely,

Megan Vaughan

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Eskinder Zewdu <eskinder.zewdu@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:17 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Eskinder Zewdu
Durham, NC

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ricki Dean <rickid16@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:08 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Ricki Dean
Brooklyn, NY but a proud Tar Heel

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Amanda <amandajbinder@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 2:03 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Endorsement of Temporary Rules by the Coastal Resources Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement for the recent temporary rules enacted by the Coastal Resources Commission. These rules are meticulously crafted, in accordance with the Coastal Area Management Act as amended, and are vital for protecting the coastal zone and particularly, Jockey's Ridge, a focal point of the CAMA.

I urge careful consideration for the reinstatement of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term sustainability of this exceptional coastal geologic feature. The AEC designation is essential for regulating sand migration off state property, ensuring replenishment on the dune to maintain its volume, and preventing relocation or commercial exploitation. Furthermore, it acts as a safeguard against undesirable development and garners national recognition for this iconic landmark.

It is my firm belief that the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park is crucial to preserve this natural gem for future generations within our community and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

Amanda Binder

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Miranda Patterson <mspatter3@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:57 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Miranda Patterson
Southern Pines, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: lauren cowart <lc@laurencowart.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:54 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge!

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my support to enforce the rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission — mainly the readopting of the Area of Environmental Concern status for Jockey's Ridge State Park, as well as Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coast areas that have an AEC status in place.

I moved to the Outer Banks in middle school, growing up here and cultivating a passion for photography since the age of 16. As a now 37-year old woman, I now call the Outer Banks home again, after living in New York City for 7 years.

I mention this because at the end of 2020, around September, after months of being stuck inside the city and inside my studio apartment, my body started to crave proximity to nature to a point of near psychosis. The Outer Banks and all it had to offer was medicinal. Of course it was healing to be near the ocean, of course to catch the sunshine... but more than anything... TO EXIST IN OPEN SPACE. I needed room to breathe, to think clearly, to crack open, to find myself again... I needed mother nature's shelter within that expanse. The horizon. The Water. The Trees. The Sand.

Jockey's Ridge and Run Hill are some of the few undeveloped places left where we can walk freely — to connect to the earth, to ground ourselves in nature. With new homes being built on a regular basis, developers see land and see dollar signs. I see that land and see freedom, a giant exhale. For me, the value of returning to the Outer Banks on my mental health has been worth more than any dollar amount.

Land is a finite resource, one that should be valued for its depth alone. From an artistic standpoint, Jockey's Ridge has also been one of my most favorite places to create and frolic over the years. Please, consider the value of nature first and ensure that the Coastal Resources Commission be allowed to keep its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond.

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Lauren Cowart

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Eleanor Smith <smithcommercial56@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:45 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save Jockey's Ridge!

I strongly support maintaining Jockey's Ridge, all of it, as an Area of Environmental Concern. Jockey's Ridge must NEVER be developed! It's a unique geologic formation and it is beloved by North Carolinians state-wide and visitors worldwide. I can't believe anyone is seriously considering removing AEC designation from Jockey's Ridge! It brings to mind the lyric: "pave paradise and put up a parking lot." NO!!! Jockey's Ridge is one of the best, most awesome, and truly breathtaking areas in Nags Head and the entire Outer Banks! It MUST be saved! Developers must NEVER get their greedy mitts on any of it! Save Jockey's Ridge!!

Sincerely,

Eleanor Smith
Grandy, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: bradley carey <outsideplaying247@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:38 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] SAVE JOCKEYS RIDGE

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Thank you.

Bradley Carey,

P.O. Box 118, Nags Head, NC 27959
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brad@firstflightadventurepark.com
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Linda Zobel <lindazobel@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] FOJR AEC

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Thank you.

Dare county residents
The Zobel family- Linda, Reid, Megan, Katelyn and David

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Connie Grizzard <grizzardco@daretolearn.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:24 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] I LOVE Jockey's Ridge!

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Sincerely,
Connie B. Grizzard

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Connie B. Grizzard
Second Grade Teacher
FFES
441-1111 ext. 2055

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Joseph Crosswhite <jodytc3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:22 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,
Joseph T. Crosswhite
Nags Head

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Paula Sherlock <psherlock@southernshores-nc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:50 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Elizabeth Morey
Subject: [External] CAMA Rules

Sent from my iPhone

Honorable Rules Review Commission Members

As a resident of a coastal community, I ask you to support the Coastal Review Commission's recent unanimous decision to reinstate rules that protect our fragile environment. Coastal North Carolina has largely avoided environment-changing disasters due to CAMA and its establishment and regulation of AECs.

These rules have been in place for years without significant negative impacts and have provided much needed protection for our fragile coastal ecosystem. Please protect North Carolina's coastline both for environmental and economic reasons.

Thanks for all you do for our State.

Paula F Sherlock
Southern Shores Town Council
66 Ocean Blvd
Southern Shores, NC 27949
502-376-8627

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katie Jordan <katj673@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:49 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Thank you.

Katie Jordan

Burgos, Alexander N

From:	Bob Muller <rwmuller@jockeysridge.com>
Sent:	Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:42 PM
To:	rrc.comments
Cc:	Bobby.Hanig@ncleg.gov
Subject:	[External] CRFC Temporary rules

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Thank you.

Bob Muller
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252-207-5287
I can therefore I dance

Burgos, Alexander N

From: lisa jeffers <welcomettos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:36 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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Sincerely ,

Lisa M Jeffers

Voting member and business owner in this community

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lisa Jeffers <lostonlostcolony@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:35 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Reinstate Jockeys Ridge

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Only you have the power to save us,

Cyrus Welch

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lisa Jeffers <healthylj99@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:31 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save jockeys ridge

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Lisa Jeffers

LMJ

Burgos, Alexander N

From: calfeeengineering@charter.net
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's ridge Readoption of AEC and Temporary Rules

Rules Review Commission,

Please readopt the AEC designation and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. As a descendent of the Baum family who originally settled what is now Nags Head Woods, I know that protection of Jockey's Ridge provided by the designation and rules is important to maintaining the natural environment on the Outer Banks.

Thank you,

Ralph Calfee
3048 Martins Point Rd
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 202-4025
calfeeengineering@charter.net

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Anderson Weeks <andersonweeks@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:23 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support for Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,

Anderson

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Corey Schaible <coreyschaible@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:22 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Preservation

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katelyn Zobel <kat.zobel.obx@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:15 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

Hello! My family has enjoyed and loved JRSP for generations and in many ways. JRSP is truly one of my favorite places on the earth. PLEASE make sure to do everything possible to preserve this beautiful, ever changing, fragile, and unique environment loved by SO MANY! Please support the temporary rules adopted by the CRC to make sure our unique and well loved park is preserved for future enjoyment. Please consider reinstating JRSP's status as an AEC!!!! Thank you!

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Betty Schutte-Box <bschutte60@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:14 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC - support for temporary rules by CRC and readoption of AEC: attention Rules Review Commission

BETTY B. SCHUTTE-BOX
3007 Libby Terrace
Richmond , VA 23233

April 6, 2024

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am a Virginia resident that spends as much time as possible at my home at 321 Soundside Road in Nag's Head. I bought this home in 2020 and purchased it solely based on its proximity to the amazing Jockey's ridge. I have spent years of my life of 64 years in awe of Jockey's Ridge.

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends, neighbors, and tourists locally and across the country are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove

these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

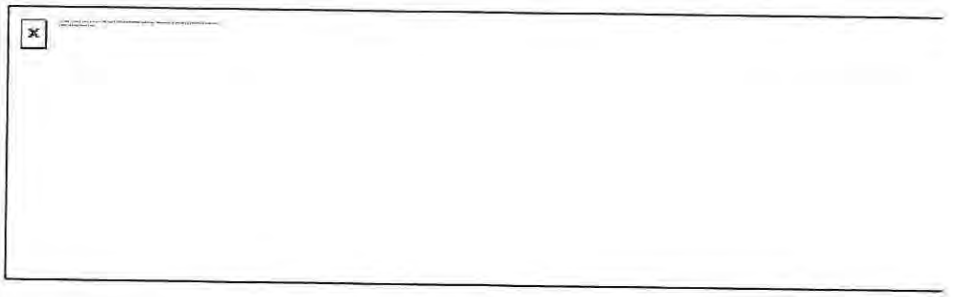
Betty B. Schutte-Box

321 Soundside Rd.
Nags Head, NC

_____, *NC*

*** And, if you would forward this email to 10 friends, I would be most appreciative... the protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park hangs in the balance and the more emails that people send supporting the protections in place currently, the better.

Thank you so so much... Ann-Cabell Baum and, background info from the Town of Nags Head is below...



We still need your help protecting crucial land management tools!

A few weeks ago many of you submitted comments to the North Caroli
Resources Commission, asking them to reinstate rules that protect the
Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. Our ori
about this important issue can be found below for more information.

Thank you for submitting comments. Due in part to your efforts those r
adopted by the CRC.

Now the rules are about to go before the NC Rules Commission. This is
process, and was expected.

It is very important and urgent that the NC Rules Commission also hear

The Rules Commission will hold a special meeting Monday, April 8 at 10
consider these rules. The meeting agenda is available at
https://www.oah.nc.gov/.../rrc-special-meeting-april-2024

You can watch the meeting at https://www.oah.nc.gov/.../rrc-special-me
2024

**Prior to the meeting they are accepting public comments, which M
submitted to rrc.comments@oah.nc.gov by 5 pm April 7 (only 5 day**

As we said in our original article below, the removal of Jockey's Ridge an
in its neighboring communities from the AEC designation may likely be t
peaking its nose under the tent. Put simply, if the CRC loses its authority
an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as t
oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, or the area near the fres
might also be at risk of losing their AEC protections.

Please submit your comments by 5 pm April 7! Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Steve Brook <stevecbrook@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:48 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you.

Steve Brook
Friends of Jockey's Ridge Board Member

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Colette Walker <cwquorum@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:39 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protections for Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you.
Colette Walker
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Todd Levy <toddlevy7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:34 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Let me start off by saying this is fucking bullshit.

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Thank you,
Todd levy

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Skyla Lamberto-Egan <invertair@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:03 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC

Good morning,

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Skyla Lamberto-Egan

Burgos, Alexander N

From: John Labows <johnlabows@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:59 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you.
On behalf of Northpoint Association in Duck Representing 25 Homeowners and 70 Co-owners

John Labows
President of Northpoint Association Community in Duck

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Seth Laughlin <bocoplanner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:54 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge preservation

To whom it may concern;

I am a former local now living in little Washington with my family.

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Thank you for your time

Seth Laughlin

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Donny Ball <donaldaball@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:52 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support for Jockey's Ridge continuing status as an Area of Environmental Concern

Dear Rules Review Commission:

I am a friend of Jockey's Ridge, not a member of the group with that name, but an individual who, with his wife and then four (later to be five) children moved to the Outer Banks in September 1983. Even before then I had visited here on many occasions starting as far back as the summer of 1955 when I was not quite seven years old. Jockey's Ridge has always been a focus of things to do and a place to be.

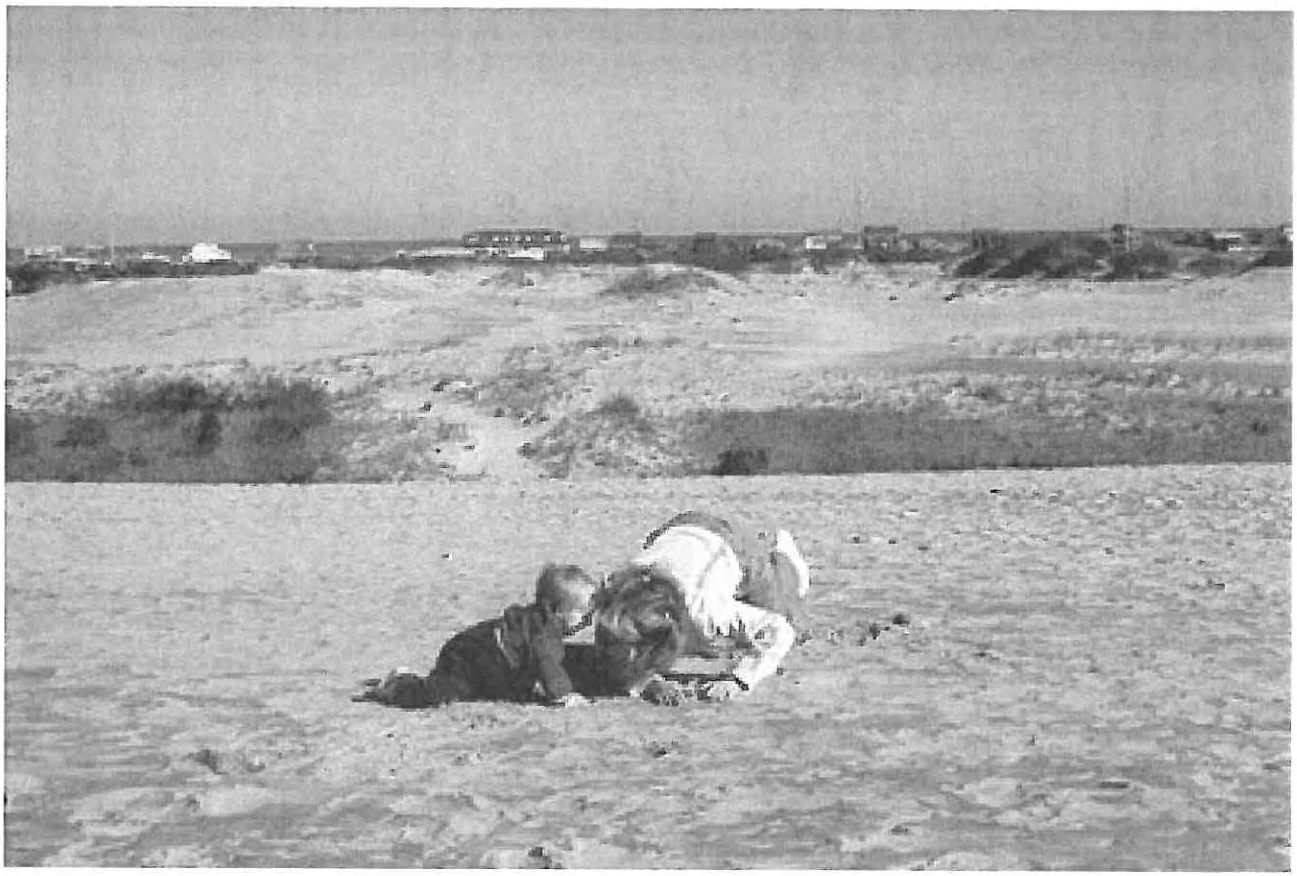
If you advance the idea of removing ANY protections from this backbone of OBX culture, history and lore I can promise you fierce resistance. We OBXers have the recent historical example of Carolista Fletcher Baum (https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/jockeys-ridge-state-park/news/carolista-baum-marker), the woman who chained herself to a bulldozer to prevent destruction of the dunes. Not only are there conservation groups and courts, there is also Dare County's extensive experience and participation with the federal government's protections inherent in the national park system. If the state is not willing to protect such a unique and irreplaceable area of environmental concern, the current state park could become another NPS installation.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC places Jockey's Ridge under environmental protection and is under threat for being removed. I do not need to tell you that the rules that exist and need to be preserved, even strengthened, not removed. Common sense will tell you that.

Thank you for listening. Please heed the call and choose to protect our fragile coast.

Donny Ball
Colington Island

PS This is one of my favorite photographs ever, a view from the top of the tallest dune, taken in the fall of 1985, of my beautiful bride Sandy and our youngest son Lewis, who with his wife and two sons now live a few stone throws south of this very spot, across Soundside Road, and his best-in-the-world pizza shop is is on the Reach Road several blocks south. Protect them, protect us, protect yourselves by preserving our environment however, whenever and wherever possible!



Burgos, Alexander N

From: Diane Klementowich <klementowich@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:46 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] letter
Attachments: Jockey's Ridge.pdf

Please consider – thank you!
Diane Klementowich

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rob Freer <robwalkerfreer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:39 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

As individuals who have a home on the Outer Banks (Carolina Dunes in Duck), we are writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. These rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act, as amended, and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, which is the primary goal of the CAMA.

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Thanks you for your consideration.

Kathy and Rob Freer, 114 Wood Duck Drive, (Carolina Dunes Subdivision in Duck)

Rob Walker Freer
Keswick Associates LLC
416 North First Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 242-8158

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Caiggy Roth <caiggyroth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:25 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Hannah Buckius <hannahbuckius@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:23 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Preserve the park!

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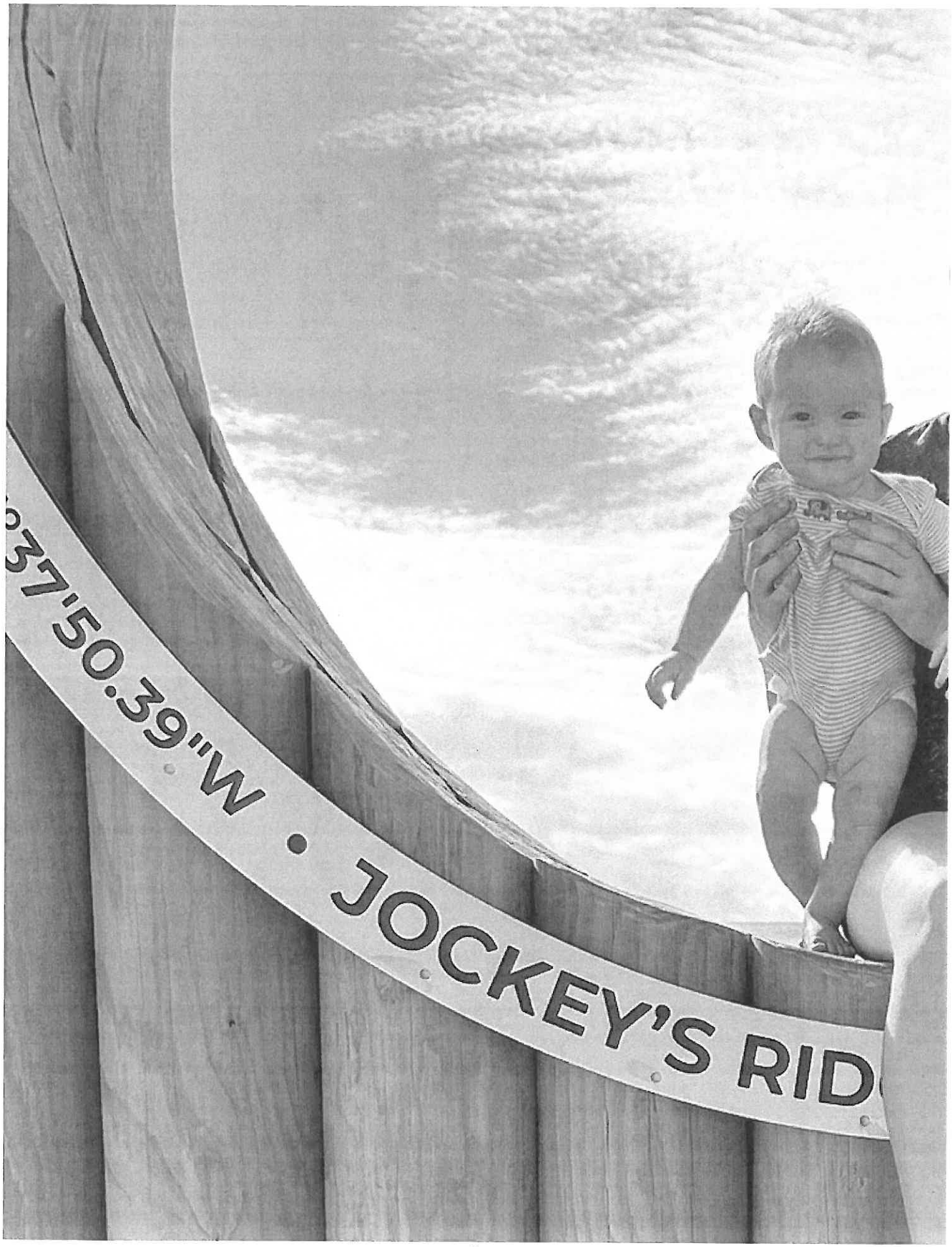
Please consider reinstating JRSP's status as an AEC!!!!

Thank you!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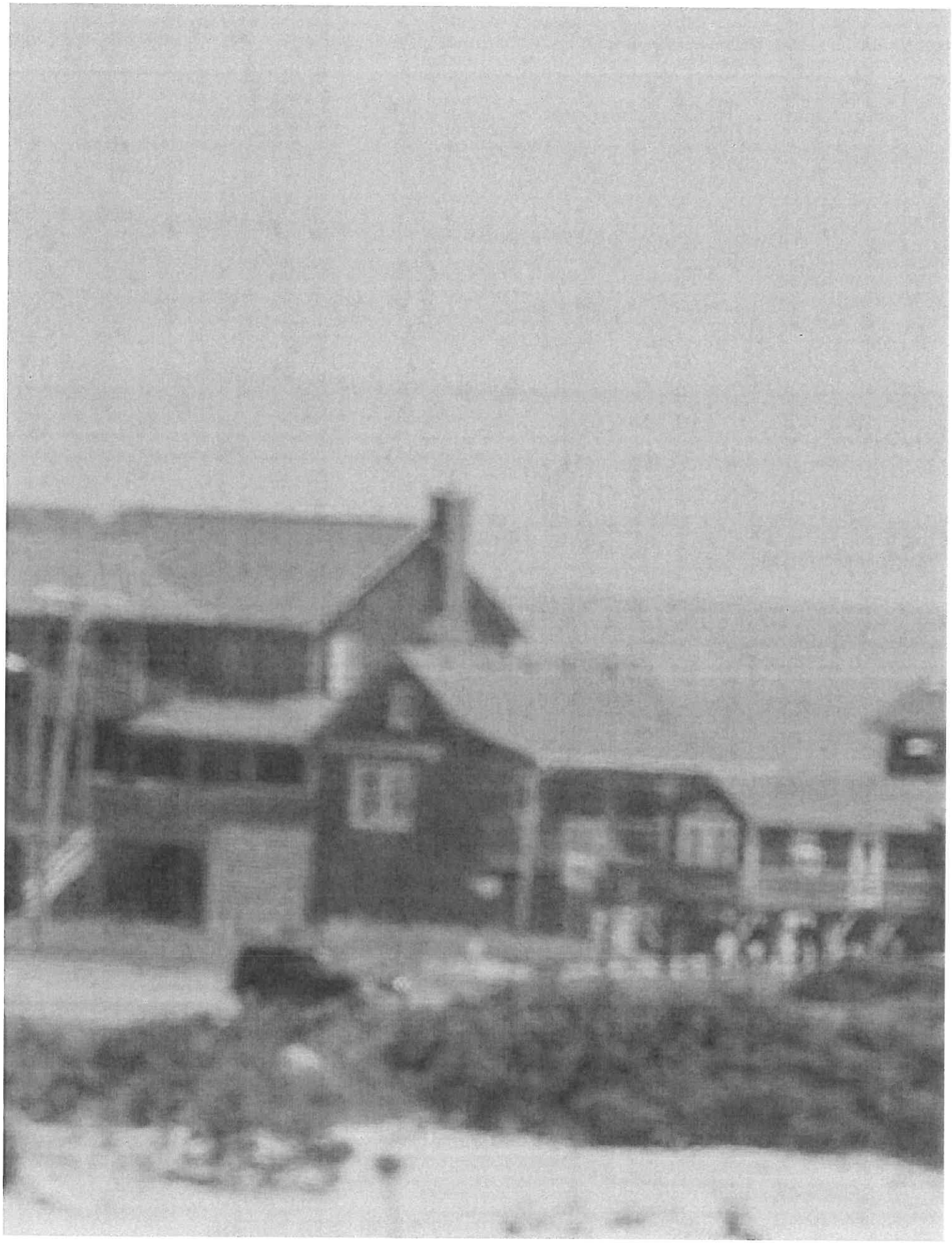

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jean Watkins <jeaniepwatkins53@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:06 AM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Jean Watkins; Will Watkins
Subject: [External] Designation of Jockey's Ridge As AEC/Rule15A NCAC 07H/0507

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to voice our support for the permanent reinstatement of temporary Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 adopted on an emergency basis which designates Jockey's Ridge as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) and provides protective use standards for this AEC.

Our family has been a property owner in Nags Head at 3811 S.Va Dare Trail, immediately across from Jockey's Ridge, for more than 60 years. Before that time, my parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins spent many summers enjoying the tranquility and restorative powers of Nags Head, including frequent climbs up Jockey's Ridge. We hope to pass on this wonderful legacy to our children and theirs.

We are very concerned about the preservation of Jockey's Ridge and all the adjacent miraculous natural resources offered in the Nags Head community. Surely, a very effective and appropriate management tool to enhance this preservation would be permanent reinstatement of the above Rule as promulgated by the Coastal Resource Commission (CRC). It is our understanding that this and related Rules had been previously in place for many years until abruptly removed by the Rules Review Commission (RCC) in 2023.

The membership of the CRC appears eminently well qualified to determine necessary measures and appropriate rules to protect and preserve such a unique and historical coastal geological formation. To suggest that the CRC does not have the authority to reinstate these longstanding Rules so essential to the preservation of Jockey's Ridge and its environs defies common sense, lacking the wisdom which should inform such a decision.

We respectfully urge you to allow the permanent reinstatement of this Rule promulgated by the CRC.

Sincerely,

Jean Penick Watkins
William N. Watkins
3811 S. Va. Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Robert Euler <eulers@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:06 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

As a property owner and frequent visitor to the Outer Banks, I cherish the preservation of Jockey's Ridge State Park and strongly support the AEC designation to accomplish that.

Rob Euler
3 Old Rocky Ridge Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kailee Leonard <kaileeleonard@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:05 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Barney Skladany <barneyskladany@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:55 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save Jockey's Ridge

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As President of the Salthouse Homeowners Association located at 1475 Duck Road in Duck (or Kitty Hawk), I am writing to express the support of our three homeowners including me, to save Jockey's Ridge.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Megan Douds <megandouds@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:53 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please Protect Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.
Thank you.

Megan Douds
Nags Head Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kate Brown <katebrown0207@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:32 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] I support Protection of Jockey's Ridge

To the members of the rules review commission:

I am writing to you to express my STRONG, and I mean strong, support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.

The CRC rules are specific in standard and application and should remain in place to protect our beloved beach and the sites that are important to our beautiful home such as Jockey's Ridge!! Why you would even consider removing is strictly based for your own financial gain which is pretty pathetic.

The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area management Act as amended and are NEEDED to protect the Coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of CAMA.

I am requesting for you to reconsider readoption of the area of Environmental Concern status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule: 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geographic Formations)

Removing this crucial designation prompts a potential and significant threat to the environmental integrity and long term well being of this unique Coastal Geographic Formation.

THE AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to ensure maintenance of volume and relocation prevention or commercial sale. It is strong in preventing the park from UNDESIRABLE AND UNNECESSARY development. Jockey's Ridge is significant to the Outer Banks and how dare you even consider removing this.

I firmly support the reinstatement of the AEC status and believe it is crucial for continued protection of our beloved Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for generations to come and for visitors to the beach as well.

Thank you

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Samantha Simmons <treyandsamsimmons@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:22 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Reinstate the AEC status PERMANENTLY!!!

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.
Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: PAM WEED <weedfarm@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:18 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

To whom it may concern:
As A resident of OBX I am very concerned about the future of Jockeys Ridge. It needs protection and preservation at all costs. I agree with the Friends of Jockeys Ridge, Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

Thank you, Pamela Weed, 1609 Harbour View Drive, KDH

Sent from my iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Allen Poole <ballenpoole@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:08 AM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Jeanette.k.doran@gmail.com; jakeparkerrrc@gmail.com; bwl@ocrlaw.com; wboyles@aol.com; jh@hemphillgelderlaw.com; justicebarbarajackson@gmail.com; jeff.hyde@aestheticimages.net; overton.ro@gmail.com; wnelson@smithlaw.com; ppowell@apbev.com
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park / Area of Environmental Concern

To the NC Rules Review Commission,

Please do keep all the **temporary rules** adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission in place, including the extremely important **Area of Environmental Concern** designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Neither I, nor my wife, can understand why anyone would want to remove the Area of Environmental Concern designation from Jockey's Ridge State Park. It is critically important for the long term health and survival of this unique and nationally recognized NC State Park, as well as the adjacent Nature Conservancy's Nags Head Woods Preserve. This State Park is visited by thousands of out of state visitors annually. It is a jewel in the crown of NC State Parks, and an important part of the economy of Dare County. Why would you want to do something that negatively effects this special Park?

It also happens that Jockey's Ridge State Park is the eastern end of the state wide, and State designated, Mountains to Sea Trail, which crosses the entire state of North Carolina, from Clingmans Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the west, to Jockey's Ridge State Park in the east. This trail is walked, and maintained, by thousands of people all across this state. We are all watching to see what you folks on the Rules Review Commission are going to do. There are additional thousands (likely millions) of NC citizens who use, and love, the many other NC State Parks scattered across the state. These citizens also are watching to see what is done here.

So please keep the temporary rules, and the Area of Environmental Concern in place, and then please work with the CRC to make these rules permanent again.

Thank you,

Allen and Connie Poole
Manteo, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Matthew Joyner <mjoyner526@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:50 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507

To the members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark.

I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you,
Matthew R. Joyner

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Mary-Vaughan Spruill <mvspruill@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:47 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Request

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA. Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.
Thank you,
Mary-Vaughan and Carson Dunn

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Erica Bodnar <bodnar.em@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:41 AM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Sam 😳👶🍉💝
Subject: [External] Endorsement of Temporary Rules by the Coastal Resources Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement for the recent temporary rules enacted by the Coastal Resources Commission. These rules are meticulously crafted, in accordance with the Coastal Area Management Act as amended, and are vital for protecting the coastal zone and particularly, Jockey's Ridge, a focal point of the CAMA.

I urge careful consideration for the reinstatement of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term sustainability of this exceptional coastal geologic feature. The AEC designation is essential for regulating sand migration off state property, ensuring replenishment on the dune to maintain its volume, and preventing relocation or commercial exploitation. Furthermore, it acts as a safeguard against undesirable development and garners national recognition for this iconic landmark.

It is my firm belief that the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park is crucial to preserve this natural gem for future generations within our community and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

Erica Smith
Dare County Resident - Kitty Hawk

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Nicole Cashwell <lncashwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:36 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Dare County Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

(Lawrie) Nicole Cashwell Seal
Kill Devil Hills, NC native
Phone: +1-252-305-5151
Email: LNCashwell@gmail.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rosemarie Doshier <rosemarie@thedoshierteam.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:23 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

We support *the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission*
Please protect this historical landmark.

Rosemarie 252-305-3996

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Natalie Painter <natalie@homesontheobx.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:22 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Largest Active Dune on the East Coast and our Landmark

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am reaching out to express my robust endorsement for the temporary rules recently enacted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The specificity and applicability of the CRC rules are commendable, clearly aligned with the Coastal Area Management Act as amended, and crucial for safeguarding the coastal zone and specifically, Jockey's Ridge, a primary focus of the CAMA.

I urge careful consideration for the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). The removal of this designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term sustainability of this exceptional coastal geologic feature. The AEC designation plays a vital role in regulating sand migration off state property, ensuring replenishment on the dune to maintain its volume, and preventing relocation or commercial exploitation. Moreover, it serves as a safeguard against undesirable development, while bringing national recognition to this remarkable landmark.

It is my firm conviction that the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park is imperative to preserve this natural treasure for the benefit of future generations within our community and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards from my iPhone,

Natalie Painter
Real Estate Sales Agent serving Outer Banks and Northeastern NC Howard Hanna Outer Banks Realty
Direct: (252)256-9535

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Moxie Oxenfree <moxieox@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:16 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge AEC designation

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Abbe Lynn Pass

Rodanthe , NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Abby Carey <abbylindsaymd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:02 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save the AEC

To whom it may concern:
We need to keep the AEC in place, that designation is crucial to safeguarding the environmental integrity of Jockeys Ridge state park and our beach as a whole. Please don't let politicians try to fill there pockets in order to change something Carolista Baum worked so hard to protect.

Abby Carey
www.firstflightadventurepark.com
252-715-3622

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Corey Roberts <corey703@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:41 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern

Importance: High

NC Rules Commission,

I encourage you to unanimously approve the rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Corey Roberts
4614 S Cobia Way
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tianna Stathis <tbstathis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 7:07 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.
Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.
I am against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Tianna Stathis

Kill Devil Hills, NC

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: deborah sizemore <dbsizemore@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 1:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Jockeys Ridge is a unique costal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as Other Destinctive areas in Nags Head. Areas like the soundfront, oceanfront, and areas near the fresh pond.
My email is to voice my support for temporary rules by CRC and tradition of AEC. My desire is for AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Sincerely
Deborah Sizemore.

4102 Sea Bass Ct
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Camie Finch <finchsaunderswedding@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:38 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA. Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations).

Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: WARREN BLACKBURN <w2bburn@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:02 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

As a resident year round of Nags Head, and frequent user of Jockey's Ridge, I'm asking the committee NOT to remove the Area of Environmental Concern. Nags Head has often been listed in a diverse 'best of the beach' articles and often cited is the natural open spaces of the area. Jockey's Ridge is one.
Wendy Blackburn

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Miriam Rollin <marollin@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:22 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please ensure AEC designation for Jockey's Ridge!

To whom it may concern:

The recent decision to potentially remove the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) designation from Jockey's Ridge poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic formation.

Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. Our family has enjoyed many visits to this gem of the Outer Banks!

The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

The rules providing for the AEC designation are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Therefore, I urge you to readopt the Area of Environmental Concern designation for Jockey's Ridge and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.

Thank you.

-Miriam Rollin

Resident of Duck, NC in the Outer Banks

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Elizabeth Morey <emorey@southernshores-nc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:10 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] CAMA Rules

Honorable Rules Review Commission Members

Please support the Coastal Review Commission's recent unanimous decision to reinstate rules that keep our natural resources protected. These rules allow the coastal commission to set rules that are consistent within the coastal management's Coastal Area Management Act. Coastal North Carolina has largely avoided corresponding coastal environment-changing disasters due to CAMA and its establishment and regulation of AECs. The establishment of an AEC requires a closer examination of proposed activities and interventions and gives everyone time to fully consider the consequences of certain actions.

These rules have been in place for years without negatively impacting human activities in any significant way. Any redundancy in agency oversight is insignificant when the overall goal is protecting our fragile coastal ecosystem.

Thanks for all you do for our State.

Elizabeth Morey
Mayor, Town of Southern Shores
59 Ginguite Trail, Southern Shores, 27949
252-256-1953

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jamie Wegener <jamiewegener@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:32 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge-To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you,
Jamie Wegener

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Renee Kuntz <crkuntz@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:41 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge

To the members of the RRC,
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resource Commission (CRC). The CRC a rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) as amended and are and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jackey's Ridge State Park (rule 15A NCAC 07H 0507 Unique Coastal Geological Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geological formation. The AEC a designation regulates sand migration of state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development, and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park preserving the natural landmark for future generations.

Sincerely,
Renee Kuntz

Sent from my iPad

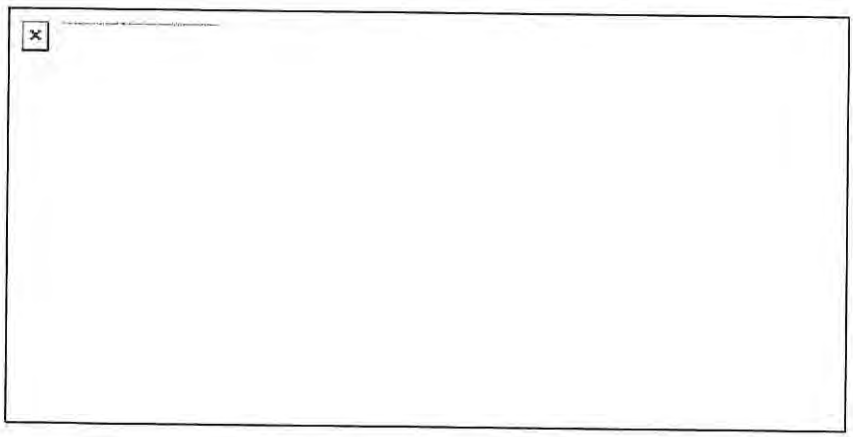
Burgos, Alexander N

From: Becky Reed <beckyreed@kw.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:42 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge AEC status

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you.



Burgos, Alexander N

From: Mary Pendill <obxmamap@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:57 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

I voice support for the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) designation for Jockey's Ridge.

Mary Pendill

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tom Thomas <tomtomruns@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:58 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Please don't remove the AEC designation of Jockeys Ridge State Park.
Thank you

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Samuel Felton <evanfeltonobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:13 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

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Thank you

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Sharon Rose <sharonroderer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:19 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Cecile Petrone <ceme721@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:50 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey Ridge

You MUST NOT let developers take Jockey Ridge away.
Please reinstate protection for jockey Ridge against any development.

Cecile Petrone
Smithfield, Virginia

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Erin H. <esuhealy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:26 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please Readopt AEC Status for Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. Further, they are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) as amended and are much needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge (a primary goal of the CAMA).

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The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. This safeguards the park from harmful development and ensures that North Carolinians can enjoy the beauty of Jockey's Ridge State Park for generations to come. I firmly believe that reinstatement of AEC status is vital for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge and very much hope you will consider this option to protect this treasure of our state's natural heritage.

Many thanks for your consideration,
Erin Healy

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Martin Donlan <martinpdonlan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:36 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Russ Watkins <russwatkins7@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 11:17 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] READOPT AEC status for Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear sirs and madams:

Please consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Sincerely,
Russ Watkins
Southern Shores, NC 27949

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Hannah Moffatt <hannahjmoffatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:12 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Thank you,
Hannah Moffat

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Desmond Steyn <desmondsteyn@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:20 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC Jockeys ridge state park

I support keeping the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park ,North Carolina.

Desmond Steyn - Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: M EUGENE SHOAP <geneotico@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] REINSTATE AND/OR KEEP THE RULES REGARDING JOCKEYS RIDGE, IN PLACE

Burgos, Alexander N

From: RL <robleighproperties@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 1:18 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Coastal Resource Commission

To whom it may concern:

We fully support the job the Coastal Resource Commission has done with their ability to designate Jockey's Ridge State Park as an area of environmental concern.

We are lifetime supporters of the Nags Head community. Our family was one of the originals to have a home on the island in Nags Head.

Regards,

Leigh Gaither Jones

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jessica Bouras <jessicabouras01@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 1:47 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey Ridge

Stop developers from trying to takeover and protect the ecosystem! Not everything is for sale no matter the money offered.

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tatum Clements <mtatumclements@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:01 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC- Jockey's Ridge & the Outer Banks

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

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I am against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Sincerely,

Tatum Clements
Kill Devil Hills, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Steph Olejniczak <steph@stepholejniczakmua.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:12 PM
To: rrc.comments
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How special can the Outer banks if we lose the last bits of nature. This is ESSENTIAL to have sd a human being!!!

Stephanie Olejniczak

April 6, 2024

To: NC Rules Commission

To whom it may concern:

We are sorry to learn that once again, Jockey's Ridge State Park is coming under fire regarding a possible change in the AEC designation. How can this be? We have one of the most beautiful coastal regions in the country that attracts thousands of visitors each year. How thankful we should be to have one of the most natural and most accessible environmental settings with Jockey's Ridge State Park, smack in the middle of the Outer Banks. Why would we not want to preserve and protect something that is so unique that many individuals, natives of the Outer Banks, dedicated their lives to in the study of its ecosystem alone. Sure, being a coastal community does present coastal environmental challenges and yes, it does take all ages to gain a respect for the land and to work side by side starting from the bottom up so that we do not reach the point of altering but rather being stewards of a land that has been gifted to us.

We are property homeowners who have invested much in the location directly across from the entrance of Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head, and we would not want to have its character, nor the character of other distinctive areas in the community jeopardized by rash decisions that could impact the future quality of life.

Character preservation has a way of identifying us, connecting us, shaping us, and telling the story of who we are. Character preservation holds an attraction of our history and a sense of community pride. We made a choice to be part of the Nags Head community and all it has to offer and with respect, we oppose change that could have a significant impact on the long-term character of the Jockey's Ridge area and its surrounding natural environment.

Sincerely,

Charles and Susan Kalan
104 East Hollowell Street
Nags Head, NC 27959

sykalan@gmail.com

610-657-7697

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Susan Kalan <sykalan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:50 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] From TheKalans! Jockey's Ridge and AEC Designation
Attachments: Letter to NC Rules Commission April 2024.docx

Saturday, April 6, 2024

To the NC Rules Commission:

Please accept our attached letter for public record
regarding the upcoming meeting of the NC Rules Commission
being held on Monday, April 8. Thank you.

Charles and Susan Kalan
104 East Hollowell Street
Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Carlyn Laughlin <carlynannlaughlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:37 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park

As a resident of Dare county since 1985, I have had the privilege to live in the most extraordinary part of this country. My children grew up, friends and relatives have come again and again and one of the high lights for all is the Jockey's Ridge. Making you aware of the importance and the incredible value of this area is why I am writing.

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Thank you for your consideration

Carlyn Laughlin

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jason Dowless <jasonadowless@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge Protection

Hello and good morning council members,

My name is Jason Anthony Dowless, and I would like to speak on this issue as a concerned citizen, a lifelong member of this community, and most importantly, as someone who cherishes Jockey's Ridge State Park with the fondness and love that is only afforded after hundreds of hours spent on its grounds.

Growing up in the neighboring town of Kitty Hawk, I had only visited Jockey's Ridge on a few occasions throughout my childhood. At that time, it was simply a place of incredible beauty, mostly viewed from the highway as I passed along route 158. I have clear memories of cresting the Manteo Bridge in the backseat of my mother's car, gazing out at the park's western face in the distances and knowing I was home.

Just that view of the park serves as a token of arrival to our great island. The moment you lay eyes on those majestic dunes, you know you've entered a special place on this earth—the Outer Banks.

Although I've always admired Jockey's Ridge from afar, I didn't understand its true value until later in my life, shorty after returning home from college. I was working in the construction industry in those years, building piers, bulkheads, and decks all over Dare county. One Saturday afternoon, after I'd finished a particularly long work week, I decided to take a drive over to Jockey's Ridge where I could lay a blanket out and read. This simple whim turned out to be a life changing experience. I fell in love with every aspect of the park, from the open ranges of sand, its wooded trails, and its breathtaking views of both ocean and sound. From that day on, I became a constant presence in the park.

To this day, I spend as much time as I can there; whether it be reading, jogging, walking my dog, or even just sitting out and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere. When I engaged my fiancé this last November, I could think of no better place to go.

During my time spent on Jockey's Ridge, I am constantly reminded about how detrimental human expansion can be for the natural world, and how tightly we must balance our economic interests with efforts of conservation.

Jockey's Ridge is a small bubble of preservation, showing us what the island looked like before it was developed by human hands. The plant, animal, and insect life thrives there, while most other areas on the beach are tightly packed with rental housing and commercial buildings. There is more than enough development on this small island. We must now focus our attention on the living, breathing, soulful aspects of this land, and preserve what WE HAVE LEFT.

I have, and still do, work in the construction industry. I am by no means against human flourishing, or saying we should dismiss the economic impact of our decisions. All I'd like to get across is this: We have a very special, very beautiful place in our hands, and it's up to US to protect it.

Jockey's Ridge is a living vestige of our community and culture. I know there are others out there who hold this park warmly in their hearts, and would be devastated to see anything happen to it. I am asking you to please reinstate and protect the AEC designation.

Thank you,
Jason Dowless

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Stevie Bray <slbray8@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:18 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protecting Jockeys Ridge

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To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My name is Stevie Leigh Hudyma and I am from Elizabeth City, NC. As someone who spent many years of my life in the outer banks and frequenting Jockeys Ridge, I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

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Thank you!
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Burgos, Alexander N

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Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:09 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Thank you for your consideration
Temple W. Heggie
252-216-6582
909 Cedar Dr
Kill Devil Hills
Sent from my iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Hunter Lee <hunterklee@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:26 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Coastal Zone Protection: A Must

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Mark Hutchins <countrydeliobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge Status

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Very sincerely,

Mark and Karla Hutchins

countrydeliobx@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

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Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:09 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Burgos, Alexander N

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Kill Devil Hills,NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: tracy hargis <hargistr1029@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:10 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Keep Jockeys Ridge

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: James Jenkins <jamesjenkinsobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:20 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockeys Ridge

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jamie McClellan <jamie.mcclellan@vacasa.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC - Jockey's Ridge and the Outer Banks

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I am against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Sincerely,

Jamie McClellan
Kill Devil Hills, NC

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Book a meeting with me.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jerry Bowens <jerrydbowens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 6:24 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Jerry Bowens
Charlotte, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Samantha Hart <sammiehart12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 5:21 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place. I love taking my kids there and I don't want to lose such a special place. They love the sand dune and the wood hikes through the nags head wood path. They learned how to swim in the sound access behind the state park and it is one of our favorite places to go when the ocean is too rough. Please reconsider for the future and children of the outer banks.

Very sincerely,

Samantha Hart

Kill Devil Hills, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Paige Torres <paige.torres14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:32 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you. Chat soon,
Paige Torres Harris, PhD, LCSW
336-529-9820

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Traci White <thetraciest@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 12:58 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Traci White
Winston-Salem, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Super Jack 14 <jtscandling@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:54 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Very sincerely,
Jack Scandling

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Skipsurfs <skipbrownphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge AEC consideration

As a homeowner in North Ridge I strongly support the designation of Jockeys Ridge as an Area of Environmental Concern. Particularly if it would stop the sand re-location projects. And as the father of a disabled child in a wheelchair the current lack of Soundside wheelchair access is pathetic. The previous ramp (and handicap spaces) were great. Whose idea was it not to rebuild and reduce the number of handicap spaces?

regards, SKIP BROWN

301-351-2021
www.skipbrownphotography.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ron the Walker Man <obxwalkerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:30 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
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Thank you.

Ron Farley
1710 Apache St.
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Angel Khoury <angel_khoury@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:35 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to urge you to adopt the temporary rules that govern Jockey's Ridge in Nags Head NC and to continue its designation as an Area of Environmental Concern. This area has rightfully been protected as a unique and important geographic and environmental feature and deserves that continued protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Angel Khoury
230 Mother Vineyard Road
Manteo, NC 27954
252/473-6906
angelkhoury.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kayla Heilig <kaylaheilig5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:49 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockeys Ridge!! Stop turning our home into Myrtle Beach

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Thank you.

Kayla Heilig

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Leilani Ray <lnkellogg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:50 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please protect Jockeys Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Leilani Ray
(Nags Head Resident)

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Stephen Brown <surfobx252@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:00 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Greg hamby <cypressmooninn@mindspring.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:00 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

Hello, As a lodging business owner in Kitty Hawk I would like to see Jockey's Ridge State Park have its Area of Environmental Concern continue in perpetuity. This place is Iconic for North Carolina. This park is a huge favorite of visitors to the area who pay occupancy and sales taxes while visiting. This revenue is important for Our State.
The citizens and friends of The Outer Banks saved this natural treasure from destruction by development.
Sincerely, Greg Hamby, The Cypress Moon Inn Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: heatherblank80@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:54 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge AEC

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Heather Blankenbaker
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Cameron Rountree <dbridr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:10 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge.....

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Olivia Pratt <iamoliviaprat@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:14 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge is an integral part of the Outer Banks

Hello,

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-Olivia Pratt

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ginny Flowers <ginbeadsobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:26 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Keep AEC designation/Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Ginny Flowers

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Carol Bair <bunchofbairs@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please keep Jockeys Ridge protected. It is such a magnificent natural structure.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lori Polisky <lori@thechainbridgegroup.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:37 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge!

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Thank you.

Always remember, I am never too busy for your referrals!

Lori Taibl Polisky
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tony Parisi <parisit48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:02 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge Area of Environmental Concern

I am a resident of the Outer Banks and writing you to strongly recommend you keep the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) designation for Jockey's Ridge at your upcoming meeting.

Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

The recent decision to potentially remove the AEC designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic formation.
The AEC designation is clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and is needed to protect the coastal zone, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Tony Parisi
1540 Duck Road
Duck, NC 27949

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Gilliam Kittrell <gillkitt@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:05 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Gilliam Kittrell

R. Gilliam Kittrell

gilliam.kittrell@hodgekittrellsir.com
919-880-0283

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Crystal B. Hall <crystalbhall@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:05 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,
Crystal Hall

Sent from the iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Matthew Hall <matt.s.hall@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:09 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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Thank you,
Matthew Hall

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kathy Heinrich <kathnhnc71@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:29 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge AEC

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

It is imperative to our history and ecology that you consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark and ecosystem for future generations of our community and visitors alike.

Thank you.
Kathy Heinrich
Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Patricia Newton-Pupo <pattienewtonpupo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:19 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Leave Jockey's Ridge alone!

One of the most unique things about the Outer Banks is Jockey's Ridge. To remove this sand in order to build ANYTHING on it would be a huge mistake. It would take away one of the fondest memories most of us have of the Outer Banks. Enough with the over development of Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head. Leave the sand dunes for enjoyment and posterity. We deserve it.

Sent from my iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jonathon Davis <jedmach1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:20 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Comments from a concerned resident of Dare County

My name is Jonathon Davis,

I have been a resident of Dare county since 1989.

I am writing to encourage you to adopt the temporary rules in the AEC that have been designated since the revocation of the protective status of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Jockey's Ridge Park is a unique geological formation and one of the few natural places left in this county that have been designated for the public without infringement of development. There are natural species that live in this area I hope that political agendas are not being driven to threaten this place. My children grew up going to this park, and have loved it dearly. The public deserves the park and legacy that was set in motion by Carolista Baum years ago.

Jonathon Davis

Burgos, Alexander N

From: LEIGH JACKSON <sassqueen7@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:26 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protection for Jockey's Ridge

Good evening,

I am writing with great concern for Jockey's Ridge. I am asking you, please do not strip the "Area of Environmental Concern" status for Jockey's Ridge. This beautiful place holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H.0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

I hope you will honor this beautiful place and continue to preserve it for years and years to come.

Kindest regards,

Leigh Jackson

Leigh Jackson
917.586.5854

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Elaine Boyd <elaineboyd@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

To The Members Of The Rules Review Commission:

The recent decision to potentially remove the Area of Environmental Concern designation for Jockey's Ridge poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC places Jockey's Ridge under environmental protection and is under threat for being removed.

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

For over forty years Nags Head has been home for my niece and her family and a vacation venue for her support families. Jockey's Ridge is part of every vacation. I am sure this is true for most all the families who vacation in this area just as the wild horses are to those who visit Corolla. Please know these very special features are reasons for people choosing to visit them. Keeping them available is what bring people back year after year.

Sincerely yours,
Elaine Boyd

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jen Smith <skyestarnicole@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 6:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC status and Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear Rules Review Commission,

As a resident, property and business owner on the outer banks Jockeys Ridge is important to both my family and I and to our entire community. I strongly urge the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission on of AEC status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. Thank you for your consideration of this special coastal geographical landmark that not only brings important tourism dollars to our community but also so much joy to visitors and residents alike.

Jennifer Smith

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Michelle Hall <chelle.s.hall@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:35 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Public Comment Regarding AEC Designation for Jockeys Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am writing as a longtime Dare County resident to express my strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

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Thank you,

Michelle Hall

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kelly Miller <mrskellymiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:19 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Reinstate AEC status for Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Thank you.

Kelly Miller
Duck, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Andy Miller <mrandrewmiller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:26 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge status

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Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Grace Ashlynn <graceashlynn.arts@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:05 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,

Grace Davis
Social Media Marketing Services
Online Business Consultation
Water Filtration + Ionization Specialist
Schedule a meeting

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Natalya Sharp <nsharpobx@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:30 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Thank you.
Sincerely,
Natalya Sharp
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ben Sproul <bens@surforsound.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Benjamin Sproul
Subject: [External] Supporting the re-adoption of the Area of Environmental Concern for Jockey's Ridge and the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission

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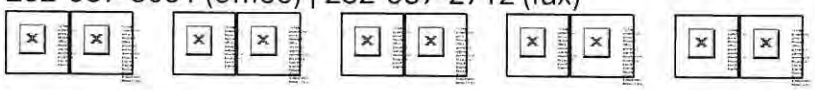

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Crystal Polston <crystalpolston@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:24 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you,

Crystal Polston

Burgos, Alexander N

From: PENNY FREELAND <pf1020@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:34 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge

Don't remove the protection for Jockey's Ridge.

Penny Freeland

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katelyn Nixon <katelynnixon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:39 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge!

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely, Katelyn Nixon Nags Head , NC

Stay Free!

Burgos, Alexander N

From: obxanja <obxanja@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:50 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

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Thank you.

Sent from Anja's iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Brandi McMahan <bmcmahan@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
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Thank you.
Brandi

Brandi

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Derek Gaubatz <derekgaubatz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:31 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protecting Jockey's Ridge

Dear North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission,

My wife Judy and I are homeowners in Nags Head, NC. For almost 20 years, our family has witnessed the benefits of the stewardship and protection of the unique habitat and beauty of Jockey's Ridge. We are writing to ask you to affirm the CRC's decision to reinstate rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. Doing so is critical to protecting this unique area for future generations.
Thank you for your service and attention to this critical matter.

Grace and peace to you,

Derek and Judy Gaubatz

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tara Mattson <tarabyte@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:18 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Keep AEC status for jockeys ridge

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park

-Tara Mattson

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lisa P <lisapulsifer@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:53 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Pls save Jockeys Ridge

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Pls designate JR as an area of coastal protection and conern

Thx
Lisa Pulsifer
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Hannah West <hannahbunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:41 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Concerning the CRC & AEC designations

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place, despite legal back-and-forth. I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Hannah Bunn West
Kill Devil Hills, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jane Moore <jmoore0115@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 1:10 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC

As a homeowner and Outer Banks lover since 1960's, I feel I should endorse the AEC and their dedication in keeping all land/lands under Jockey's Ridge's State Park safe from any type of change. Any organization proposing to use/take any part of this grand dune should be dismissed!!! So many "Nags Head Cottages" and landmarks have/are being replaced by "Mega Mansions, Wings, and other large retailers. Any changes to laws and regulations need to be studied and reviewed for hidden reasons as to why these changes are needed.
Our Outer Banks offer more than just a beach!!! Any person/group who treasure this Historic Beach knows exactly what I am saying!!!
I truly believe AEC has the best interest in place for this historic piece of land, "Jockey'Ridge." Their regulations and laws to protect this Grand Dune and all the various vegetation and wildlife has served this historic site well.
I have always heard the saying, "If it isn't broken, don't try to fix it."

Sincerely,
Jane Riddick

Sentence from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Carolista Walsh <carolista@walshs.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:27 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Very sincerely,
Carolista Walsh, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Shree Fulcher <ascensionobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:32 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Concern/Request

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Very sincerely,

Shree Fulcher

Owner at
Ascension Studio
Kill Devil Hills, NC

Align, Awaken, Ascend

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jennifer Finch <jenfinch07@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:36 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tim Skeen <timothy.skeen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:53 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Fwd: Help Save Jockey's Ridge - urgent

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Thank you.

Tim Skeen
2437B S. VA Dare Trail, Nags Head 27959
703-7274856

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Brad Daniels <ebbflowproductions@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:47 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ride State Park AEC status

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Thank you.

Brad

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Aaron Pierce <aaronjpierce4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:34 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Julia Newbold <julianewbold5@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:38 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Consideration for AEC readoption status for Jockey's Ridge

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The state of North Carolina has some of the best protected and natural beaches in the country and it is because of the stringent laws and protections in place. Please remember this and uphold the duty you have to this great coastal state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julia

Burgos, Alexander N

From: colby Gardner <colbg252@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:47 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge

To whom it may concern, I am a lifelong resident of nags head and the recent development all over the outer banks is heartbreaking. I really can't believe we are at the point of having to take action to protect jockeys ridge national park from being developed. Please for the sake of the integrity of this naturally beautiful place I have had the pleasure of being born and raised in, hear us out the people that want to keep it from becoming another overrun beach town with nothing left but oversized development.

Maybe affordable housing could be implemented into the numerous oversized rental homes, created from a percentage of homes each qualifying rental company on the outer banks. There is already so little left to develop, all the wildlife has no place to go and now one of the last "protected" habitats is being threatened. Please do the right thing.

Thank you reading,

Colby Gardner
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Andrew Nelson <tr.nels@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Comment regarding CRC determination on Jockeys Ridge

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Cynthia Zdanski <tzdanski@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:56 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Michael Rollin <mdrollin@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:15 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge Area of Environmental Concern Designation

To whom it may concern:

The recent decision to potentially remove the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) designation from Jockey's Ridge poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic formation.

Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. Like thousands of other visitors and residents of the Outer Banks, our family has enjoyed many visits to this popular natural attraction!

The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

The rules providing for the AEC designation are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Therefore, I urge you to readopt the Area of Environmental Concern designation for Jockey's Ridge and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.

Thank you.

Michael Rollin

Duck, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: David Endsley <dsendsley@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:16 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Hi,

My name is David Endsley, 41 -year- old , shop manager , and 26-year resident of Dare County. I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Jockey's Ridge is a long-standing landmark and iconic on the national level. It is vital to our local economy as a destination on every yearly traveler's vacation itinerary.

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Respectfully,

David Endsley

Resident of Kill Devil Hills, NC
And Dare County

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Thomas Blom <blomth@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:17 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: bobby.hanig@ncleg.gov
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Thomas Blom, MD

Nags Head , NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Alyssa Rodrigues <alyssa.rodrigues90@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Very sincerely,

Alyssa Rodrigues

Member/Organizer of A Slice for Quinn, LLC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Morgan VanLedtje <morganvanledtje@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 11:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] STRONG SUPPORT FOR COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission: I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

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Kindly,

Morgan VanLedtje
Photographer, DP, & Editor
Digital | 8mm | Drone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Erik Schub <erik.schub@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:00 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Re: Jockeys Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission,
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Thank you,
Erik Schub

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Burgos, Alexander N

From: J Mahoney <janetmahone7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:35 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] 15A NCAC 07H .0507

As a long term resident of the Outer Banks, I support the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern and the temporary rules as adopted by the coastal resources commission.

Please vote to protect Jockey's Ridge. It is essential to the well-being of the Outer Banks.

Thank-you,

Janet Mahoney

Burgos, Alexander N

From: colby Gardner <colbg252@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:49 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Shogate <shogate9264@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:09 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park

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Thank you for your consideration,

Stephanie Hogate

Burgos, Alexander N

From: ryan@ryanmoser.com
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 6:52 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Very sincerely,

Ryan Moser
Kill Devil Hills, NC
252.305.6112

Burgos, Alexander N

From: David Coy II <dscoyii@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:58 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Best Regards,
David S. Coy II
Portrait|Event|Headshot Photography
www.farfromcoy.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Marinna Copanezos <marinnacopanezos@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:49 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Marinna Copanezos
Nags Head, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rachel Oliver <racheloliverobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:10 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] SAVE JOCKEYS RIDGE

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
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Thank you.

Rachel Oliver

Please Please Please save the last few places of the Outer Banks that are not filled with vacation houses. This is land I want our future generations to be able to enjoy like we have!

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Stephanie Quinn <steph.quinn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:09 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Stephanie Quinn
Kitty Hawk, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Whitney Styslinger <whitney.newman@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:03 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Whitney Newman Styslinger
Raleigh/Kitty Hawk, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Shea Bunn <sheabunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please protect Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,

Leah Shea Bunn

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kate Carbocci <katecarbocci@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:25 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge Protections

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Thank you,
Kate

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Melik Yazıcı <melikyazici1608@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:23 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Melik
_____, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Bre Luse <brewithane@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:18 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you,
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rebekah Israel Cross <risraelcross@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:14 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Very sincerely,
Rebekah Israel Cross, PhD
Chapel Hill, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rwenshaun Miller <info@rwenshaun.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Rwenshaun L. Miller

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Natalie Pinto <natcpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:11 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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I'm a new mother of twins, and the thought of my children, or children's children not being able to enjoy this special place just as I have, is truly heartbreaking.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Natalie Pinto

Kill Devil Hills Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Breanna Harris <harrisbrel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,

Breanna, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Austin Pontius <aapontius@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:41 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect the State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I personally use the state park every day with my girlfriend and our dogs. It is one of the few natural places left on this small sandbar where we can still escape the chaos. I believe we need to protect these small oases while we can. They're one of the few things that still give the Outer Banks a sense of place and identity. We don't have many left...Don't open up any more to further development. We've seen enough.

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Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kelly Williams <knpenn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:34 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,
Kelly Williams
Aberdeen , NC

Sent from my Galaxy

Burgos, Alexander N

From: kelly crocker <kelly.crocker32@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Rules Review Comission

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Thank you.
Kelly Crocker
Nags Head local and avid Jockey's Ridge State Park user.
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Amy S <alohaxamylee@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:12 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support for Jockey's Ridge from JAPAN!

To the members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express VERY STRONG SUPPORT to consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. Jockey's Ridge is a beautiful area that should be protected for generations to come. I have quite a few beautiful memories in this place and so have millions of other people. As a staple must-stop on the Outer Banks, many millions of visitors visit this park every year. So I am very sure this sentiment is shared by many. Please protect this beautiful sand dune for generations to come. This is one piece that makes the Outer Banks so special. It's much more than just a sand dune. It's a North Carolina legend.

Thanks so much for reading,
Amy Stone
Okinawa, Japan

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kalie Bellerose <kaliebellerose@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:10 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Best wishes,

Kalie

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kelli C. Holloway <cheatham.kelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:52 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Kelli Holloway

Raleigh, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ososе Oboh <ososeoboh@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:46 PM
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Very sincerely,

Dr. Ososе Oboh

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: James Lorenzo <jlorenzo@jameslorenzoent.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:37 PM
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Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Very sincerely,

James McDonald

James Lorenzo Entertainment

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Aitza Burgess <aitzabriauna@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:32 PM
To: rrc.comments
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Aitza Burgess
Zebulon, NC

Aitza Burgess Reynolds
This message was sent from my iPhone. Please pardon any errors.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jay Ali <getintouchwitme@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:25 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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(type your name in here)
_____ , NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Colby Voight <oceanvoight5@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge, Nags Head NOC

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead.

Colby Voight,M. Ed, BCBA, NBCT
cell: 252-256-0283

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Christina Thompson <christinathompson679@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:50 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Christina Thompson
Dare County Resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jeffrey Luse <jeff.luse23@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge Public Comment

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Jeff Luse
1000 Run Hill Ct. Apt 304
Kill Devil Hills

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Christopher Gourley <rymenreson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:28 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC status for Jockey's Ridge State Park

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Khaylah Epps <kaylie.epps@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:21 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Emily Elliott <ewhitesell82@gmail.com>
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To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Save Jockey's Ridge!!

To the members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark.

I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you,
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Nags Head, NC resident

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Dylan Bennett
Kill Devil Hills , NC

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Burgos, Alexander N

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From: Liz Rasheed <erasheed@selcnc.org>
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Cc: braxtond@nccoast.org; Lucasse, Mary L; Goebel, Christine A; Julie Youngman
Subject: [External] CRC Temporary Rules - 15A NCAC 07H .0507, .0508, .0509, 07I .0702, 07J .0203, .0204, .0206, .0207, .0208, 07M .0401, .0402, .0403, .0701, .0703, .0704, and .1101
Attachments: 2024.04.04 Comment to RRC re Temp Rules.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached comments submitted on behalf of the Southern Environmental Law Center and North Carolina Coastal Federation regarding the sixteen above-referenced temporary rules of the Coastal Resources Commission.

I am also requesting to provide oral comments in support of the temporary rules at the RRC's special meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024. I am providing the following information and copying Jennifer Everett, the rulemaking coordinator for DEQ, in accordance with 26 N.C. Admin. Code 05 .0105:

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Please kindly confirm receipt of these comments and my request to speak at the April 8th meeting. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

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Dear Ms. Snyder:

Please accept these comments in support of the above-referenced temporary rules, submitted by the Southern Environmental Law Center on its own behalf and on behalf of the North Carolina Coastal Federation pursuant to 26 N.C. Admin. Code 05 .0104. Our organizations have a longstanding interest in maintaining and preserving North Carolina's coastal resources and in advocating for a robust and effective permitting program to authorize and manage responsible development at North Carolina's coast.

As discussed in our February 20, 2024, letter to the Coastal Resources Commission ("CRC"), which we attach and incorporate by reference here,[1] the sixteen temporary rules currently before the Rules Review Commission ("RRC") are necessary, integral, longstanding components of the regulations that implement the North Carolina Coastal Area Management Act ("CAMA"). As discussed in more detail in our attached comments, without the substance of these rules, the State's ability to protect its invaluable coastal resources for the benefit of all North Carolinians and to receive certain federal benefits is jeopardized. Furthermore, the CRC has diligently worked to address the RRC's objections as to certain aspects of the form of these rules and has incorporated further edits to the rules to satisfy the RRC's most recent objections.

The adoption of these sixteen temporary rules is necessary and proper and complies with the statutory requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 150B-21.1 and 150B-21.9. These rules are essential to the protection of North Carolina's valuable and vulnerable coastal resources, and the North Carolina General Assembly has repeatedly affirmed that the preservation and enhancement of the coastal area is in the interest of the public welfare. *See*, *e.g.*, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-102(a) ("Unless these [development] pressures are controlled by coordinated management, the very features of the coast which make it economically, esthetically, and

[1] Southern Environmental Law Center, Comment Letter to N.C. Coastal Resources Commission in Support of Sixteen Proposed Temporary Rules (Feb. 20, 2024), provided as Attachment A.

ecologically rich will be destroyed."); *see also* N.C. Const. art. XIV, §5 (mandating that "it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina and its political subdivisions to . . . preserve . . . estuaries [and] beaches . . . as a part of the common heritage of this State").

Thus, the immediate adoption of these temporary rules is both appropriate and required under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B.21.1(a), both because adherence to the notice and hearing requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.2 would be contrary to the public interest and because the absence of these rules from North Carolina's Code of Regulations would cause serious and unforeseen threats to public welfare. Yet this absence is exactly what resulted when the General Assembly recently enacted N.C. Session Law 2023-134, [2] which caused these and fourteen other CRC rules to be removed from the Code and returned to the CRC on October 5, 2023. While the CRC has attempted to fill this gap by promulgating the sixteen most urgently needed of those thirty removed rules as emergency rules, they must now be adopted as temporary rules to prevent the harm that will otherwise result from their removal from the Code.

Furthermore, the authority for the CRC to promulgate these rules, and for DCM to implement them, clearly comports with both state and federal law, including the requirements for temporary rules under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.9. As we explain in further detail in our attached comment letter to the CRC, the CAMA rules, including the sixteen temporary rules at issue here, are legally necessary for North Carolina to exercise its right to review federal projects for consistency with North Carolina's interests under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act ("CZMA"), 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451, *et. seq*. The blocking of each of the rules by the RRC, and their subsequent deletion from the North Carolina Administrative Code, by contrast, leaves a hole in the coastal development regulatory scheme that prevents North Carolina's CAMA program from operating as intended and leaves valuable public coastal resources vulnerable to damaging development and other activities. Additionally, the rules are clear and unambiguous, in accordance with the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.9(a)(2), and the CRC has gone above and beyond to clarify any potential ambiguities that the RRC has claimed existed in prior versions of these rules, including by defining the term "significant adverse impact."[3]

We accordingly request that the RRC approve the sixteen temporary rules adopted by the CRC on March 13, 2024. These rules are necessary to implement the CAMA permitting scheme, to safeguard the public interest in North Carolina's coastal resources, and to ensure that North Carolina continues to receive the benefits of complying with the requirements of the federal CZMA law. Furthermore, the temporary rules satisfy the legal standards and requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 150B-21.1 and 150B-21.9 and as such must be approved by the RRC, which lacks statutory authority to opine on the regulations' quality or efficacy or to reject rules on a politically motivated basis.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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[2] N.C. 2023 Appropriations Act, N.C. Sess. L. 2023-134, § 21.2(m) (eff. Oct. 3, 2023).

[3] As discussed in our attached letter, the RRC's objections on the basis of the term "significant adverse impact" and other grounds were without legal support and in excess of the RRC's statutory authority. *See* Attachment A at 12–18.

Sincerely,

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cc (via email):
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Attachment A

Southern Environmental Law Center, Comment Letter to N.C. Coastal Resources Commission in Support of Sixteen Proposed Temporary Rules (February 20, 2024)

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The proposed temporary rules would still be part of the State's CAMA regulations had the North Carolina Rules Review Commission ("RRC") not inappropriately and inadvisably blocked the rules from readoption during the statutorily required periodic review and readoption process[1] based on faulty guidance from its staff attorneys. We applaud the efforts of the CRC and the Division of Coastal Management of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("DCM") to re-adopt the rules as temporary rules to restore the functionality of the State's CAMA program during the pendency of the ongoing litigation challenging the RRC's unlawful actions in blocking the rules and undermining the CAMA program.

[1] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.3A.

I. The Proposed Temporary Rules Are Necessary Under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

The sixteen proposed temporary CAMA rules listed above should be promptly readopted to safeguard North Carolina's ability to fully participate in the federal Coastal Zone Management Act program.

Congress promulgated the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 ("CZMA") "to preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to restore or enhance, the resources of the Nation's coastal zone for this and succeeding generations."[2] Congress found, among other things, that there are "important ecological, cultural, historic, and esthetic values in the coastal zone," and that "habitat areas of the coastal zone . . . are ecologically fragile and consequently extremely vulnerable to destruction by man's alterations."[3]

The CZMA creates a framework of partnership between the federal government and coastal and Great Lakes states.[4] The federal statute requires each participating state to develop its own coastal management program pursuant to federal requirements and encourages states to create coastal management plans that "achieve wise use" of coastal resources while giving "full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic, and esthetic values as well as the needs for compatible economic development."[5] When a state's coastal management plan is submitted to and approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coastal Management ("NOAA"), the state receives two primary benefits in return: (1) federal funding,[6] and (2) the right to review federal actions for their consistency with enforceable state policies.[7]

Through the federal consistency review process, states with approved coastal management programs are able to ensure that any "Federal agency activity within or outside the coastal zone that affects any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone shall be carried out in a manner which is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved State management programs."[8] Specifically, any applicant for a federal permit to conduct any activity affecting any land or water use or natural resource of the state's coastal zone must provide the state with a certification "that the proposed activity complies with the *enforceable policies* of the state's approved program and that such activity will be conducted in a manner consistent with the program."[9] A state may object to the consistency

[2] 16 U.S.C. § 1452(1).

[3] 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451(d)-(e).

[4] 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451, *et. seq.*

[5] 16 U.S.C. §§ 1452(1)-(2).

[6] 16 U.S.C. §§ 1455, 1456-1.

[7] 16 U.S.C. § 1456(c).

[8] 16 U.S.C. § 1456(c)(1)(A). The term "consistent to the maximum extent practicable" means "fully consistent with the enforceable policies of management programs unless full consistency is prohibited by existing law applicable to the Federal agency." 15 C.F.R. § 930.32(a)(1).

[9] 16 U.S.C. § 1456(c)(3)(A) (emphasis added).

certification if it disagrees with the applicant's assessment of the proposed activity's impacts,[10] at which point the permit applicant cannot receive the permit unless they successfully appeal to the federal Secretary of Commerce to override the state's objection.[11] This consistency determination process allows a state like North Carolina with an approved program to weigh in on significant activities such as offshore drilling, military training activities, and harbor expansions that could affect its coastal resources, such as commercial fishing, tourism, recreation, and wildlife habitat, and potentially block those activities that will significantly adversely affect the state's values and interests.

North Carolina's coastal management plan was approved by NOAA in 1978 and periodically re-evaluated as recently as 2021.[12] It is comprised primarily of the North Carolina Coastal Area Management Act ("CAMA") and the rules promulgated by the CRC thereunder,[13] the North Carolina Dredge and Fill Law,[14] and local land-use plans of the State's coastal counties and municipalities.[15] Through CAMA, the General Assembly established the following goals for the state's coastal management plan:

> (1) To provide a management system capable of preserving and managing the natural ecological conditions of the estuarine system, the barrier dune system, and the beaches, so as to safeguard and perpetuate their natural productivity and their biological, economic and esthetic values;
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> (2) To insure that the development or preservation of the land and water resources of the coastal area proceeds in a manner consistent with the capability of the land and water for development, use, or preservation based on ecological considerations;
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> (3) To insure the orderly and balanced use and preservation of our coastal resources on behalf of the people of North Carolina and the nation;
>
> (4) To establish policies, guidelines and standards for:
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> a. Protection, preservation, and conservation of natural resources including but not limited to water use, scenic vistas, and fish and wildlife; and management of transitional or intensely developed areas and areas especially suited to intensive use or development, as well as areas of

[10] 16 U.S.C. § 1456(c)(3)(A).

[11] 15 C.F.R. §§ 930.120–930.131.

[12] NOAA, State of North Carolina Coastal Management Program and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1978), https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/34175/noaa_34175_DS1.pdf; NOAA, Final Evaluation Findings, North Carolina Coastal Management Program: September 2011 to October 2020 (Mar. 2021), https://coast.noaa.gov/data/czm/media/nc-cmp.pdf.

[13] *See* N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 113A-100 to 113A-134.3; 15A N.C. Admin. Code ch. 7.

[14] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-229.

[15] *See, e.g.*, 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07B .0601, .0701–.0804.

significant natural value;

b. The economic development of the coastal area, including but not limited to construction, location and design of industries, port facilities, commercial establishments and other developments;

c. Recreation and tourist facilities and parklands;

d. Transportation and circulation patterns for the coastal area including major thoroughfares, transportation routes, navigation channels and harbors, and other public utilities and facilities;

e. Preservation and enhancement of the historic, cultural, and scientific aspects of the coastal area;

f. Protection of present common-law and statutory public rights in the lands and waters of the coastal area; and

g. Any other purposes deemed necessary or appropriate to effectuate the policy of this Article.[16]

The CAMA statute requires the CRC to adopt rules implementing its provisions,[17] including by adopting rules that are "consistent with the goals" listed above and that establish "objectives, policies, and standards to be followed in public and private use of land and water areas within the coastal area."[18] The CRC periodically updates and clarifies these rules.

Important here, the CRC's CAMA regulations largely articulate the "enforceable policies" that form the basis of CZMA consistency determinations for federal actions affecting North Carolina's coastal resources.[19] If the sixteen rules proposed for readoption as temporary rules and the policies contained therein are not readopted, North Carolina will lose the right to review federal agency activities under the CZMA based on these rules.

II. The Sixteen Proposed Temporary Rules Are Necessary Components of North Carolina's CAMA Program.

Just as the CAMA statutes and rules are necessary under federal law generally, so too are each of the sixteen rules currently being proposed for adoption as temporary rules. In February 2023, after the CRC had engaged in its required periodic review and readoption of all the CAMA

[16] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-102(b).

[17] N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 113A-107(a), (b), 113A-124(c)(8), 113-229(c1)-(c2).

[18] N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 113A-107(a)–(c), -124(c)(8).

[19] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-107(a) (guidelines to be promulgated by regulation are to be used for the "review of and comment on proposed public, private and federal agency activities that are subject to review for consistency with State guidelines for the coastal area").

rules, the RRC voted to object to thirty of those rules and therefore blocked them from going into effect. Pursuant to a change of law in October 2023,[20] those thirty rules were returned by the State Codifier of Rules to the CRC and deleted from the North Carolina Administrative Code. The blocking of each of the rules, and their subsequent deletion from the North Carolina Administrative Code, leaves a hole in the coastal development regulatory scheme that prevents North Carolina's CAMA program from operating as intended and leaves valuable coastal resources vulnerable to damaging development and other activities.

The health and beauty of North Carolina's beaches, fisheries, and other coastal areas are important drivers of the State's economy. For instance, one recent study determined that "North Carolina's wild-caught seafood industry contributes nearly $300 million in value and 5,500 jobs to the state's economy."[21] Moreover, tourism spending in the State's twenty CAMA counties accounted for a whopping $6.5 billion in 2022, with the top five coastal counties alone accounting for fifteen percent of all tourism spending in the State.[22] Without the reasonable and longstanding limitations on coastal development that the CAMA rules provide, the coastal resources that support coastal fisheries and inspire such high levels of tourism would be significantly impaired. As a result, the State needs a complete set of CAMA rules and a fully functioning CAMA program in order to preserve the coastline's ability to provide these values.

Accordingly, we strongly support the readoption of the sixteen currently proposed temporary rules as the most necessary of the thirty blocked rules.

A. The 07H Rules Are Necessary to Protect Valuable State Resources.

Subchapter 07H of the CAMA rules is entitled "State Guidelines for Areas of Environmental Concern" and comprises the rules that describe the various categories of areas of environmental concern or AECs, as well as regulations for how AECs are identified and managed. They form the bedrock of the entire CAMA regulatory scheme. The CAMA statute specifically instructs the CRC to designate AECs in different categories, including "fragile or historic areas, and other areas containing environmental or natural resources of more than local significance, where uncontrolled or incompatible development could result in major or irreversible damage to important historic, cultural, scientific or scenic values or natural systems."[23] The statute goes on to list "state parks," "public recreation areas," "[a]reas containing unique geological formations," and "[h]istoric places" as among those to be designated.[24]

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[20] N.C. 2023 Appropriations Act, N.C. Sess. L. 2023-134, § 21.2(m) (eff. Oct. 3, 2023).

[21] Sea Grant North Carolina, *Demand for N.C. Seafood and the Commercial Industry's Economic Impact of the State*¸ http://go.ncsu.edu/NCSeafoodDemand.

[22] Visit NC, *Economic Impact Studies*, https://partners.visitnc.com/economic-impact-studies (select hyperlink titled "2022 County Level Visitor Expenditures by Total Expenditures," which opens a chart entitled "North Carolina – All Counties - 2022 – Sorted by Total Spending").

[23] N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 113A-113(b)(4), 113A-101.

[24] N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 113A-113(b)(4)(a), (g), and (h).

Yet among the thirty rules blocked by the RRC were the two that describe the "unique coastal geologic formations" AEC (07H .0507) and the "significant coastal archaeological resources" AEC (07H .0509), and a third that governs the standards for permit applications for development within those designated fragile coastal natural or cultural resource areas (07H .0508). Without these three rules in place, two important categories of AECs would go unprotected from development, contradicting both the General Assembly's specific direction to protect those exact categories and the broader legislative goal of preserving and enhancing the State's "historic, cultural, and scientific" coastal resources.

Significantly, these rules not only describe the AECs generally, but they explain how designation of those AECs may be accomplished. They specifically identify the area surrounding Jockey's Ridge as a "unique coastal geologic formation" AEC,[25] and Permuda Island as a "significant coastal archaeological resource" AEC.[26] The former does not simply identify Jockey's Ridge State Park as the AEC, but it serves to prevent development and sand removal activities near the park that would undermine and destabilize the park. Moreover, the rules also allow for additional areas to be designated as geological or archaeological AECs if and when additional resources merit such protection.

Without the rules defining these AEC designations and use standards in place, irreplaceable treasures belonging to the state and all of its people could be irreparably damaged or destroyed. As a case in point, a developer who received a CAMA major permit for a residential subdivision in 2022 is now complaining about the readopted rules protecting such resources. According to the complaint the developer filed in state court, the 2022 permit required it to investigate for archaeological materials on its proposed construction site in Carteret County as a permit condition requested by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources ("DNCR").[27] The developer is now complaining about the readoption of rules 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07H .0508, .0509 (which cover use standards for AECs designated as "significant coastal archaeological resources" and allow DCM to require investigation of such AECs for archaeological materials), and 07J .0207, .0208 (pursuant to which DCM consults with other state agencies and incorporates limits those agencies propose as permit conditions). Although the permit was issued prior to the readoption of the rules currently before the CRC and is thus not affected by them,[28] the developer complains that the readopted rules will somehow limit its ability to construct a large residential housing development in an area that DNCR has determined to contain significant archaeological resources belonging to all North Carolinians.[29] As the developer's lawsuit makes clear, readoption of the 07H rules together with other CAMA rules is

[25] 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07H .0507(d).

[26] 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07H .0509(e).

[27] *Cedar Point Developers, Inc. v. Coastal Resources Commission*, Complaint ¶¶ 54–59, Wake County Superior Court 24-CV-121 (Jan. 2. 2024) (describing issuance of the CAMA permit and inclusion of the permit condition at DNCR's recommendation).

[28] *Id.* at ¶ 59 (permit issued on July 28, 2022).

[29] *Id.* at ¶¶ 33–35, 49, 58–63, 68 (essentially claiming that 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07H .0508 and .0509, and 07J .0203, .0207. and .0208 are harming it by protecting an area that may contain valuable archaeological resources).

necessary to preserve those special places that have already received designation as AECs, as well as to enable the State to identify and protect additional resources and areas that could qualify for future designation as an AEC.

B. The 07I and 07J Rules Are Necessary for the Evaluation and Issuance of CAMA Permit Applications.

The rules of subchapters 07I and 07J are essential to the implementation of a successful coastal management permitting program that functions at both the state and local levels. Accordingly, we support readoption of proposed temporary rules 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07I .0702 and 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07J .0203, .0204, .0206, .0207, and .0208.

Through subchapter 07I, the CRC created a system of rules allowing local governments to obtain funds necessary to implement approved local programs to issue and enforce CAMA minor development permits.[30] These provisions ensure that local governments are treated in a fair and equal way in their ability to protect their coastal resources and that less affluent localities are not burdened by the cost of implementing a local CAMA permitting and enforcement program.[31] The policies articulated in subchapter 07I include, in relevant part, the provisions of proposed temporary rule 07I .0702, which maintains a clear limit on the delegation of CAMA minor permitting authority to local governments by explicitly specifying that the scope and extent of a local permit-letting agency's authority is "limited to consideration of applications proposing minor development as defined in the Coastal Area Management Act."[32] The regulation goes on to state that actions of local permit-letting agencies in excess of this authority shall be considered null and void, and that determinations of the CRC on jurisdiction shall be binding on local permit-letting agencies.[33] Far from being "unnecessary" as the RRC has claimed, this regulation is not redundant with or superfluous to the mandates of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-117, § 113A-121, or related statutory provisions. Rather, the regulation outlines an important contour of the cooperative state-local permitting system envisioned by CAMA. Removing this rule sows needless confusion as to whether there have been changes in the bounds of state or local authority, and the CRC should readopt this rule to prevent overreaches of authority from either the local or state side.

Through subchapter 07J, the CRC promulgated rules establishing "procedures for processing and enforcement of major and minor development permits, variance requests, appeals from permit decisions, declaratory rules, and static line exceptions."[34] These regulatory provisions are essential to the successful implementation of CAMA's permitting scheme.

Perhaps most importantly, proposed temporary rule 07J .0204 sets out the procedures for

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[30] 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07I .0102 ("Policy").

[31] *Id.*

[32] Proposed Temporary Rule to be codified at 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07I .0702.

[33] *Id.*

[34] *See* 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07J .0101–.1206.

processing CAMA major and minor permit applications and modifications to such permit applications. This regulation specifies the required contents of CAMA permit application forms, including the required application fee for both CAMA major and minor permits.[35] In addition, it lists all the categories of information about a project that must be included in an application.[36] It also protects the interests of adjacent riparian property owners beyond the public notice requirements of the CAMA statute by requiring permit applicants to provide proof of notice given to adjacent landowners along with their application and requiring DCM to consider adjacent landowners' comments. The proposed temporary rule provides an array of detailed permit application requirements that are necessary for permitting agents to ensure that their decisions are made in compliance with CAMA and other controlling state and federal statutes.[37] Without the provisions of 07J .0204, DCM and local permitting authorities would be left to decide arbitrarily what information to require and consider for each project and could be left with insufficient information to make justifiable decisions about whether to issue permits, while the regulated public would not be assured of fair, equitable, and predictable treatment from one application to the next. Indeed, as explained further below, applicants or third parties could challenge DCM's consideration or issuance of CAMA permits without this rule being readopted.

If the CRC fails to adopt proposed temporary rule 07J .0204, no schedule will exist of required permit application fees for both CAMA major and minor permit applications except for the statutory maximum of $400.[38] Without these provisions, both the regulated public and DCM and local government permitting agencies will be left in a state of confusion as to the authority of the government to collect permit application fees and how those permit application fees are to be set. The absence of this regulation would render local governments unable to collect permit fees and process permit applications in a legally defensible manner, and the entire permitting system may grind to a halt. At minimum, it would jeopardize the ability of local governments and DCM to continue to fund essential government functions to implement CAMA.

Other proposed temporary rules under subchapter 07J, including 07J .0203, .0206, .0207, .0208 also serve important functions of providing standardized guidelines for the contents of CAMA permit application components and requirements for the application review process.

The proposed temporary regulation at 07J .0203, for example, sets out standards for the required contents and formatting of project plans and work plats submitted with CAMA permit applications. Without these standards, permit applicants would be at a loss as to how much detail must be provided in their application and how fine of a scale their plans must be drawn. The proposed temporary regulation includes, for example, a mandatory scale of 1" = 200' or less and specifies existing and proposed features and water depths that plans must show, including the

[35] Proposed Temporary Rule to be codified at 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07J .0204(b)(5)(A) (major development permit application fees), .0204(c)(1)(N) (minor development permit application fees).

[36] Proposed Temporary Rule to be codified at 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07J .0204(b)(1) (Major permit application), 07J .0204(c) (minor permit application).

[37] *See, e.g.*, Proposed Temporary Rule to be codified at 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07J .0204(c)(1)(L) (requiring disclosure of relevant stormwater permitting information at the site of proposed development).

[38] *See* N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-119.1(a).

presence of wetlands in the area of proposed work.[39] These details are critical to ensure that local, state, and federal permitting agencies and members of the public who are reviewing the work plan have an accurate understanding of the full scope of the proposed work, and that other permitting agencies do not inadvertently approve a project that would have far more severe consequences than indicated in the work plan or a project that would violate the requirements of CAMA. For the permitting agencies to ensure that an application contains a sufficient level of detail without this rule being readopted would require a time-consuming ad hoc process that would waste state and local agency resources and foster an arbitrary system that inherently fails to provide for the uniform and fair treatment of permit applicants.

Proposed temporary rule 07J .0206 sets forth a requirement for public notice that serves an important function of protecting the procedural due process rights of other persons affected by permitting decisions of DCM or local authorities. This rule reinforces the high priority given to public notice requirements under CAMA and helps to inform the regulated public of their right to participate in permitting decisions. As such, it should be reinstated.

The proposed temporary regulations at 07J .0207 and 07J .0208 similarly provide for the thorough and consistent permit application review processes that are essential to implement the requirements and fulfill the purposes of CAMA. Section 07 J .0207, for example, requires that DCM conduct an on-site investigation and prepare a field report on each CAMA major permit and/or dredge and fill permit application it accepts for processing, share these permit applications with relevant state agencies, and consider comments and recommendations provided by those agencies on the application. The regulation also provides that DCM will itself prepare comments on these applications and may seek additional information from the permit applicant as necessary on behalf of itself and/or other reviewing agencies. These processes ensure that thorough and comprehensive reviews of major development proposals occur that are ground-truthed through on-site inspections by DCM and analyzed by other state agencies with relevant expertise. This is precisely what regulatory reviews should generally aspire to, rather than a siloed process of one agency that accepts all facts alleged by a permit applicant as true without so much as a field visit. This process is in accordance both with the statutory authorities of CAMA and the broader organizational purpose of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality.

Moreover, the provisions of temporary proposed rule 07J .0208 similarly advance the purposes of CAMA and are in accordance with statutory authority. This regulation provides that reviewing state, federal, and local agencies may provide specific recommendations for conditions that they believe should be included in a proposed major development or dredge and fill permit pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the completed project to ensure protection of the public interest, which DCM may choose to include in the final permit. Under recent law, DCM must already provide legal authorities for any and all conditions applied to a CAMA permit. [40] Likewise, local permit officers may condition minor development permits upon amendments pursuant to this regulation. These enforceable permit conditions help achieve the balance between smart coastal development and resource protection that lies at the heart of

[39] *See, e.g.*, Proposed Temporary Rule to be codified at 15A N.C. Admin. Code 07J .0203(a), (b).

[40] N.C. Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, N.C. Sess. L. 2023-137, § 13 (eff. Oct. 10, 2023).

CAMA by allowing projects to still move forward while being specifically tailored to ensure that they are sufficiently protective of coastal resources in light of the particular circumstances and unique natural features that may be present in a given area.

In sum, the proposed temporary 07J rules represent such a large portion of the rules governing the issuance of CAMA permits that failing to readopt these rules would create unnecessary confusion, inefficiencies, and leave some significant coastal resource protections in limbo. This in turn can have repercussions for other types of permits for the same project. Most significantly, coastal construction today frequently proceeds under a "regional general permit" issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that authorizes individuals who receive a CAMA permit in one of North Carolina's twenty coastal counties to conduct the permitted construction without seeking a separate, individual permit from the Corps.[41] Without being able to proceed under the regional general permit, proponents of development projects with the potential to impact coastal waters or wetlands would instead be required to go through an additional, time-consuming permit review process to procure an individual permit from the Corps under section 404 of the Clean Water Act or section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Like the CZMA benefits of funding and consistency, the existence of the Corps' regional general permit depends on North Carolina maintaining a viable coastal management plan and a working permitting program. Thus, if the proposed temporary rules are not readopted, particularly the 07J rules, then would-be developers will likely be required to shoulder the burden of seeking individual permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

C. The 07M Rules Create and Explain Necessary Policies.

As described in more detail below, the statements of policy found in subchapter 07M are well within the authority, and indeed the mandate, of the legislature to the CRC. The proposed temporary rules to be codified at 15A N.C.A.C. 07M .0401, .0402, .0403, .0701, .0703, .0704, and .1101 are particularly integral parts of the CAMA program, and, together with the remainder of subchapter 07M, support the state of North Carolina in consistency determinations under the federal CZMA law. North Carolina's ability to review federal agency activities under the CZMA will be compromised without these important rules.

As stated above and as described in more detail below, section 113A-107 of the North Carolina General Statutes charges the CRC with adopting guidelines to implement CAMA, including "statements of . . . policies" that are "consistent with the goals of the coastal area management system." Section 07M .0400 (subsections .0401-.0403) sets out the state's policies governing coastal energy development. Subsection .0401 requires local governments and agency staff to consider and implement the state's policies when issuing permits and making consistency determinations for federal energy projects. The state's coastal energy development policies have been crucial in guiding the state's evaluation of, and responses to, various federal projects in recent years and insisting that such projects conform to the state's priorities and regulations.

For instance, several years ago, the state of North Carolina objected to an application to conduct seismic surveying – with powerful bursts of sound from air guns for more than half a

[41] *See* U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, General Permit No. 198000291 (eff. Jan. 01, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2026).

year – for oil and gas exploration in a massive offshore area that stretched from Virginia to South Carolina. North Carolina objected on the basis that the months-long blasting would harm recreational and commercial fishing, tourism, research, and endangered species and would be inconsistent with the state's CAMA policies. On appeal by the applicant oil and gas consultant, the federal agency overrode the State's inconsistency determination, and so North Carolina sued the agency and the Secretary of Commerce in federal court for violations of the CZMA. Ultimately, the consultant withdrew its application to conduct seismic surveying, and the court vacated the federal agency's decision by which it had overruled North Carolina's objection.[42]

Thanks in large part to the strength of North Carolina's CAMA program and its statement of policies, which guided the consistency review of the proposed seismic testing by the Division of Coastal Management and its ultimate objection, the State was able to assert its interests and protect its coast from the long-lasting and damaging seismic testing project. Without the re-adoption of 07M .0401, .0402, and .0403, and their policies, the State's ability to object to and block inconsistent projects in the future will be compromised. The same policies from these sections also apply to other energy projects (or portions of projects) that may be inconsistent with the State's coastal management program, including offshore wind projects, drilling, and other such development. Indeed, the state is actively engaged in evaluating current proposals to build offshore wind farms off the coast of North Carolina, ensuring that these projects sufficiently protect the state's valuable coastal resources. Among other things, the general energy development policy in subsection .0401, which mandates that State decisionmakers "shall assure that the development of energy facilities and energy resources shall avoid significant adverse impact upon coastal resources or uses, public trust areas, and public access rights," and the more specific policies in subsection .0403, will provide a basis for decisionmakers to evaluate myriad types of energy projects with the potential to harm fisheries, tourism, water quality, and other North Carolina coastal values.[43]

Similarly, section 07M .0700 (subsections .0701-.0705) sets out the state's enforceable policies governing mitigation for the unavoidable adverse impacts and loss of natural resources caused by coastal development projects and directs that decisionmakers use those policies when considering permit applications and consistency determinations. And section 07M .1100 (subsections .1101-.1102) sets out the state's policies governing the beneficial use of dredged materials from projects to maintain and excavate navigation channels and directs that decisionmakers use those policies when considering permit applications and consistency determinations. The State's ability to protect its commercial and recreational fisheries, tourism, beaches and other public trust resources, coastal water quality, endangered species, other wildlife, and other valuable coastal resources depends on the adoption of these policies.[44]

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[42] *North Carolina v. Raimondo*, 561 F. Supp. 3d 578 (E.D.N.C. 2021).

[43] *See, e.g., Mobil Oil Exploration & Producing Southeast, Inc. v. U.S.*, 530 U.S. 604, 613, 622 (2000) (discussing North Carolina's objection to CZMA consistency certification for offshore drilling project); *City of Virginia Beach v. Brown*, 858 F. Supp. 585, 586–87 (E.D. Va. 1994) (describing North Carolina's objection to CZMA consistency certification for a pipeline related to a hydroelectric project).

[44] *See e.g. Village of Bald Head Island v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, 833 F. Supp. 2d 524, 527–29 (E.D.N.C. 2011) (describing North Carolina's consistency review of a project to dispose of materials dredged from Wilmington Harbor Channel and deposited on Brunswick County beaches by the Corps).

III. The Rules Review Commission Erred When It Objected to These Rules

The CRC finds itself in the position of having to re-adopt these rules as temporary rules only because the RRC erred in its initial review of the rules as adopted in 2022 and in voting to object to the rules and block them from continuing in effect. The RRC based its objection to thirty CAMA rules during the periodic review and re-adoption process on three grounds, explained in three memoranda written by its staff counsel in February 2023. Each of those three grounds were based on egregious errors by the RRC's counsel and led the commissioners to act in violation of the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), as explained in more detail below.

The APA states that, when an agency presents rules that it has adopted to the RRC, the RRC should determine whether each rule meets of these and only these criteria:

> (1) It is within the authority delegated to the agency by the General Assembly.
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> (2) It is clear and unambiguous.
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> (3) It is reasonably necessary to implement or interpret an enactment of the General Assembly, or of Congress, or a regulation of a federal agency. The Commission shall consider the cumulative effect of all rules adopted by the agency related to the specific purpose for which the rule is proposed.
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> (4) It was adopted in accordance with Part 2 of this Article.[45]

The APA goes on to state that the RRC "shall not consider questions relating to the quality or efficacy of the rule but shall restrict its review to determination of the standards set forth in this subsection."[46] The three grounds upon which the RRC's staff counsel recommended objecting to the sixteen rules, while putatively based on the criteria above, were not in fact grounded in these exclusive criteria. Rather, they exceeded the scope of the RRC's authority and reflected the attorneys' striking misunderstanding of the law generally, and of the CAMA and CZMA laws in particular.

A. The Term "Significant Adverse Effect" Is Not Ambiguous.

First, RRC staff counsel recommended that the RRC object to several of the rules that contained the phrase "significant adverse effect" or a similar phrase, on the grounds that it did not meet the criterion that rules be clear and unambiguous. The RRC staff counsel memorandum stated that the objection applied to five of the current sixteen proposed temporary rules: 07H .0508, .0509 and 07M .0401, .0402, and .0403.[47] The RRC staff counsel's premise was that the phrase is too ambiguous for the regulated community to understand and that it will subject

[45] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.9(a).

[46] *Id.*

[47] Memorandum from Lawrence R. Duke, Brian Liebman, and William W. Peaslee to All RRC Commissioners (February 15, 2023), https://www.oah.nc.gov/significant-adverse-impact-memo/open.

property owners to arbitrary regulation. The objection defied well-settled law and decades of implementation of the rules with no confusion of the type described by the memorandum.

The question whether an impact or effect is "significant" necessarily depends on the facts of a given situation, including for instance, the nature of the resource or use that will be affected, the size and nature of the proposed development or other project, the nature of its impact, special protections that may apply to the resource or use, etc. Consequently, the term is not susceptible to a precise definition that will fit all situations that arise. However, the CRC did define the terms "significant," "adverse impact," "adverse impacts," and "adverse effects" in 15A N.C Admin. Code 07H .0208 and .0308, and the RRC approved those definitions at its December 14, 2023, meeting. [48] Although doing so was not necessary, proposed temporary rule 07M .0402 has similarly corrected any imagined ambiguity by defining the terms "significant," "adverse impact," "adverse impacts," and "adverse effects" – for itself and for 07M .0401 and .0403 – by using virtually identical language as the definitions that the RRC approved in December.

While proposed temporary rules 07H .0508 and .0509 do not similarly incorporate that definition, they do not need to, for several reasons. First, the phrase uses common English terms – significant, adverse, impact, and effect – that are easily understood by lay persons. Second, the phrase has been included in various places in the CAMA rules and implemented by DCM for decades without causing any apparent ambiguity or confusion for the regulators or the regulated community.

Third, all three branches of the North Carolina government have proven their ability and comfort with applying the terms "significant adverse impact" and "significant adverse effect" in a variety of contexts. Since 1980, at least seventeen North Carolina appellate court decisions have used those terms in a variety of contexts with no apparent confusion, including four Supreme Court cases[49] and thirteen Court of Appeals cases.[50] The North Carolina General

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[48] The language of these rules, as approved by the RRC in December 2023, is available in the RRC's archives at: https://www.oah.nc.gov/follow-matter-crc-final-revised-rules/open. And the annotation showing approval is available on the RRC's website at: https://www.oah.nc.gov/approved-permanent-rules-december-2023pdf.

[49] *Sound Rivers, Inc. v. N.C. DEQ*, 385 N.C. 1, 18 (2023) (Earls, J. dissenting) (describing how environmental agency staff made conclusions about how a proposed discharge of pollutants into a river would have "no likely significant adverse effects to aquatic life"); *Town of Midland v. Wayne*, 368 N.C. 55, 59 (2015) (discussing whether an easement would have "significant adverse impact" or "effects" on a property owner's ability to develop his land); *Beroth Oil Co. v. N.C. Dept. of Transp.*, 367 N.C. 333, 343 (2014) (describing trial court's conclusions about "significant adverse effects" of actions by NCDOT`); *In re Broad & Gales Creek Cmty. Ass'n*, 300 N.C. 267, 281–83 (1980) (discussing whether a dredging project would cause a "significant adverse effect");

[50] *Davis v. Craven Cnty. ABC Bd.*, 259 N.C. App. 45, 49 (2018) (describing witness testimony regarding "no significant adverse effects" from a medication); *EnvironmentaLEE v. N.C. Dep't of Env't & Nat. Res.*, 258 N.C. App. 590, 592 (2018) (describing allegations regarding "significant and adverse impact" of using coal ash as fill at open pit mines); *Hagerman v. Union Cnty. Bd. of Adjustment*, 258 N.C. App. 564, at *1 (2018) (discussing whether operating an animal boarding business would have "significant adverse impact" on residential neighbors); *State ex rel. Util. Comm'n v. Carolina Water Serv., Inc. of N.C.*, 225 N.C. App. 120, 124 (2013) (discussing whether an action of the utility commission would have a "significant adverse impact" on the rates of utility customers); *Stark v. N.C. Dep't of Env't & Nat. Res.*, 224 N.C. App. 491, 512 (2012) (discussing whether a mining operation had any "significant adverse impact" on groundwater); *Parker v. New Hanover Cnty.*, 173 N.C. App. 644, 658–59 (2005) (quoting 15A N.C. Admin. Code 7M .0202 without questioning its use of the term "no significant environmental

Assembly has employed the term in the General Statutes in a variety of contexts,[51] and several executive branch agencies besides the CRC have likewise used the term in their administrative regulations.[52] Last but not least, the term has been used in the CAMA statute and rules that the CRC has implemented for decades without causing confusion for agency staff or the regulated community.

In sum, for the RRC to have concluded that the terms "significant adverse impact" and "significant adverse effect" are impermissibly ambiguous and to use that supposed ambiguity as a basis for objecting to longstanding rules was unjustified. By blocking these five rules on this basis, the RRC was acting in excess of its authority and applying mistaken interpretations of the law.

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impacts"); *Clark Stone Co. v. N.C. Dep't of Env't & Nat. Res.*, 164 N.C. App. 24, 32 (2004) (discussing whether an entity's mining operations would have "significant adverse impact" on the Appalachian Trail); *Visual Outdoor Advert., Inc. v. Town of Franklinton Bd. of Comm'rs*, 159 N.C. App. 469, at *2 (2003) (discussing whether proposed billboards would have "significant adverse impact" on neighboring properties); *Steg v. Steg*, 148 N.C. App. 717, at *5 (2002) (discussing whether s medical condition would have a "significant adverse effect" on a person's future earning capacity); *Shell Island Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v. Tomlinson*, 134 N.C. App. 217, 219 (1999) (discussing whether an installation of erosion control structures would cause "significant adverse impact" on adjacent properties); *Rusher v. Tomlinson*, 119 N.C. App. 458, 468 (1995) (Greene, J., dissenting) (discussing whether application of statute regarding "significant adverse effect" of proposed construction project); *King .v N.C. Env't Mgmt. Comm'n*, 112 N.C. App. 813, 817 (1993) (discussing whether an action would have a "significant adverse effect" on wetlands); *Orange Cnty. v. N.C. Dep't of Transp.*, 46 N.C. App. 350, 364 (1980) (applying statute that used the term "significant adverse environmental effects").

[51] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74-51(d)(5) (Permits [for mines and quarries] – Application, granting, conditions); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 78C-90 (Certificate of registration [as athlete agent]; issuance or denial; renewal)(b); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-115.1(f)(4) (Limitations on erosion control measures); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-229(e) (Permits to dredge or fill in or about estuarine waters or State-owned lakes); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-4(2) (Cooperation of agencies; reports; availability of information); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-9(4) (Definitions [for Environmental Policy Act]); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-215.120(a)(2)–(5) (Criteria for permit removal; time frame; permit conditions; other approvals required); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-355.7(a)(6) (Water supply development; State-local cooperation); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-437.01(a)(5) (Industrial Development Fund Utility Account); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 159C-7(b)(2a) (Approval of industrial projects and pollution control projects by Secretary of Commerce); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 159D-7(b)(2a) (Approval of project by Secretary of Commerce); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 159G-38(c) (Environmental assessment and public hearing [for water infrastructure]).

[52] 1 N.C. Admin. Code 25 .0401(d), (e) (N.C. Environmental Policy Act: Environmental Assessment: Method of Compliance); 1 N.C. Admin. Code 25 .0502(3) (N.C. Environmental Policy Act: Environmental Assessment: Content); 1 N.C. Admin. Code 25 .0505(3) (N.C. Environmental Policy Act: Environmental Assessment: Content of FONSI); 4 N.C. Admin. Code 19L .1012(b) (N.C. Community Development Block Grant Program: Compliance Requirements: Clearinghouse Review) ; 15A N.C. Admin. Code 1C .0208(b)(2),(3) (Conformity with NC Environmental Policy Act: Incomplete or Unavailable Information); 15A N.C. Admin. Code 1C .0306(1) (Conformity with NC Environmental Policy Act: Preparation of Environmental Documents: Activities of a Special Nature); 15A N.C. Admin. Code 05H .1309(a)(3),(5) (Oil and Gas Conservation: Permitting: Denial of Application); 19A N.C. Admin. Code 02F .0103(1)–(3) (NC Department of Transportation's Minimum Criteria: Exceptions to Minimum Criteria).

B. The CRC Is Not Prohibited from Stating "Policies" in the CAMA Rules.

RRC counsel also recommended that the RRC object to several of the readopted CAMA rules on the grounds that they stated "policies" in violation of a supposed ban on policies being included in rules. The RRC staff counsel explained in a memorandum that a "policy" does not meet the definition of a "rule" set out in the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), insofar as the APA states that the term "rule" "does not include … [n]onbinding interpretive statements."[53] The RRC staff counsel's memorandum applied this objection to six of the sixteen proposed temporary rules: 07H.0507, .0508, and .0509 and 07M .0401, .0701, and .1101. Yet this objection contradicts the clear words that the legislature enacted into the General Statutes, and the objection also ignores the fact that the CAMA rules to which they applied this objection state binding, enforceable policies that must be applied as specified within each rule.

In fact, the General Assembly specifically tasked the CRC with developing exactly the type of policies and guidelines that the RRC's attorneys erroneously labeled as objectionable. Section 113A-107(a) of the North Carolina General Statutes reads as follows:

> N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-107. State guidelines for the coastal area
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> (a) *State guidelines for the coastal area shall consist of* statements of objectives, *policies,* and standards to be followed in public and private use of land and water areas within the coastal area. Such guidelines shall be consistent with the goals of the coastal area management system as set forth in G.S. 113A-102. They shall give particular attention to the nature of development which shall be appropriate within the various types of areas of environmental concern that may be designated by the Commission under Part 3. Land and water areas addressed in the State guidelines may include underground areas and resources, and airspace above the land and water, as well as the surface of the land and surface waters. *Such guidelines shall be used in the review of applications for permits* issued pursuant to this Article and *for review of and comment on proposed public, private and federal agency activities that are subject to review for consistency with State guidelines for the coastal area.* Such comments shall be consistent with federal laws and regulations.
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> (b) The *Commission shall be responsible for the preparation, adoption, and amendment of the State guidelines. . . .*
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> (c) *The Commission shall mail proposed as well as adopted rules establishing guidelines for the coastal area* to all cities, counties, and lead regional organizations within the area and to all State, private, federal, regional, and local agencies the Commission considers to have special expertise on the coastal area.

[53] Memorandum from Brian Liebman and William Peaslee to All RRC Commissioners, 1, 3 (February 15, 2023), https://www.oah.nc.gov/memo-policy-and-rules/open.

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> (f) *The Commission shall review its rules establishing guidelines for the coastal area* at least every five years to determine whether changes in the rules are needed.
>
> (g) … As required by G.S. 150B-21.19(1), *each guideline shall cite the law under which the rule was adopted*.

As the italicized passages above show, the language of the statute clarifies that the legislature intended for the guidelines to be adopted as rules and explicitly directed the CRC to do so. Subsection (b) charges the CRC with adopting guidelines, and subsection (a) states that those guidelines "shall … consist of statements of … policies," and goes on to provide that those "guidelines shall be consistent with the goals of the coastal area management system as set forth in G.S. 113A-102." Subsections (f) and (g) speak of those policies being established by rules adopted by the CRC. Accordingly, the legislature, through the CAMA statutes, specifically empowered and directed the CRC to adopt policy statements as rules.

More generally, each of the six proposed temporary rules does satisfy the APA's definition of "rule." The APA definition of "rule" includes "[a]ny agency regulation, standard, or statement of general applicability that implements or interprets an enactment of the General Assembly …or that describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-2(8a). While it is true that the APA excludes "nonbinding interpretive statements ... that merely define, interpret, or explain the meaning of a statute or rule," the proposed temporary rules do not fall into that exception. Instead, the CAMA rules at issue each state a *binding, enforceable* standard. Moreover, they do not simply restate or explain a statute. That is, the CAMA statute directs the CRC simply to adopt policy statements governing land uses within the coastal area of the state to guide DCM staff and local governments as they review CAMA permit applications and comment on proposed federal activities for consistency with state priorities and regulations,[54] but that statute does not specify the content of those policies or even list all the topics to be addressed by those policies. The CRC, in adopting the CAMA rules, had to determine, considering the broad coastal goals identified by the legislature, which categories of land and other natural resources needed to be protected and which uses of that land needed to be addressed. The CRC had to decide, for instance, whether to set policies to govern land uses such as coastal mining, dredging, offshore energy projects, military training activities, and the use of coastal airspace, to name a few. The CRC then had to determine the content of those policies to guide agency staff and local governments as they issue permits and make federal action consistency determinations within those categories of land and activities. None of these decisions amounted to simply restating information included in a statute, and thus these enforceable policy standards do not run afoul of the APA as claimed by the RRC's staff counsel.

Each of the six proposed temporary rules subject to this objection does exactly what the legislature tasked the CRC with doing. They exercise the general authority given to the CRC, and they state specific enforceable policies governing various types of coastal natural resources

[54] N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113A-107(a).

and/or regulated activities. They specifically instruct that those policies "be used in the review of applications for [CAMA] permits" and/or be used "for review of and comment on proposed public, private and federal agency activities that are subject to review for consistency with State guidelines for the coastal area."

For instance, subsections 07M .1101(b) and .1102 establish a policy governing the use material dredged from navigation channels; subsection .1101(a) explains that the policy is enforceable and mandates that local governments and DCM staff implement the policy when issuing CAMA permits, when "implementing the coastal management program," and when "commenting on federal permits and activities" in making consistency determinations. Subsections 07M .0401(a) and .0701(a) use identical language to mandate the enforcement of the policies contained in subsections 07M .0401(b), .0403, .0701(b), and .0703 to govern, respectively, coastal energy projects and mitigation for coastal development. It is not even clear how the RRC staff counsel's objection applies to subsections 07H .0507, .0508, and .0509, as those sections do not set out policies per se. Sections 07H .0507 and .0509 do set out "management objectives," but, like the policies in 07M, they are explicit, enforceable, specific, and not merely duplicative of the statute.

In sum, by creating enforceable policies and adopting them as rules, the CRC is acting exactly as directed by the legislature. By blocking these six rules on the grounds that the CRC cannot do so, the RRC was acting in excess of its authority and applying mistaken interpretations of the law.

C. The CAMA Rules Are Necessary.

Finally, RRC staff counsel recommended that the RRC object to several of the rules on the grounds that each one was not necessary because, in the counsel's opinion, "the content of the rule is entirely, or in substantial part, a repetition of statutory language found in Chapter 113A of the General Statutes."[55] The RRC staff counsel's memorandum stated that this "necessity" objection applied to two of the current sixteen temporary rules: 07I .0702 and 07J .0206. Specifically, the memorandum states that the former (07I .0702) codifies a "common maxim of black letter law that an action taken without jurisdiction is void *ab initio.*"[56] Yet, because all of the members of the regulated community cannot be assumed to have attended law school or be familiar with "common black letter law," the CRC is doing a service to the regulated community. The rule clarifies what will happen if a local government entity attempts to exceed its purview of considering applications for minor development permits and notifies the members of the regulated community that they can appeal to the CRC for recourse in that event. In so doing, the rule does not merely repeat the contents of a statute.

[55] Memorandum from Brian Liebman to All RRC Commissioners (February 14, 2023), https://www.oah.nc.gov/significant-adverse-impact-memo/open.

[56] *Id.* at 2.

Similarly, the RRC staff counsel memorandum states that one of the sentences of 07J .0206 merely did "little more than repeat" information from a statute regarding notice to the public of significant modifications to major permit applications.[57] Yet that information was helpful to anyone interested in knowing how to get information about permit applications that could affect them. In a triumph of form over substance, the RRC's objection caused the CRC to remove the repetitious language and insert a simple reference to the statute in its place, forcing members of the public to divine what the referenced statute regards, determine whether it might be relevant to them, and then go look it up in the General Statutes. Thanks to the RRC, any repetition in the rule has been removed, and inconvenience and opacity have been substituted in its place.

By blocking these two rules on the grounds that, in part, they repeat information found either in a statute or in general principles of common law, the RRC acted in excess of its authority and applied mistaken interpretations of the law.

D. The RRC Failed to Identify Specific Reasons for Blocking the Remaining Proposed Temporary Rules.

Finally, according to the "in re" lines of the three RRC staff counsel memos, none of them applied to the remaining proposed temporary rules (07J .0203, .0204, .0207, .0208, and 07M .0703 and .0704). And, in any event, for the reasons described above, those objections would not be valid grounds for the RRC to block these remaining rules.

IV. Conclusion

In conclusion, we enthusiastically support the CRC's adoption of the sixteen proposed temporary CAMA rules. These rules constitute a substantial portion of the cooperative state and local CAMA permitting scheme that ensures that coastal development proceeds in a manner compatible with the preservation of North Carolina's unique and invaluable coastal resources, and the RRC's objections to these rules were unjustified. If these rules no longer exist in the North Carolina Administrative Code, then unique coastal sites will be left unprotected; both DCM and local permitting authorities will be unable to evaluate permit applications in a clear and consistent manner; prospective permittees may be forced to seek individual permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and will be more vulnerable to third party appeals; and DCM and local governments will be deprived of guidelines they use to review the consistency of proposed federal activities under the CZMA. For these reasons, as the State and CRC celebrate the 50th anniversary of CAMA, we urge the CRC to adopt the proposed temporary rules to help ensure that North Carolina continues to implement a robust, protective, and federally compliant coastal management program.

[57] *Id.* at 3.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Julie Furr Youngman
Senior Attorney

Elizabeth Rasheed
Senior Associate Attorney

cc (via email):
Mary Lucasse, Counsel to the Coastal Resources Commission
Braxton Davis, North Carolina Coastal Federation

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Avery, Jonathan
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:47 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Burgos, Alexander N; Everett, Jennifer
Subject: Speaker Request and Letter for 4/8 RRC Meeting Supporting Adoption of Temporary Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507
Attachments: Letter of Support for Temporary Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 from NC Parks (final signed 2024.04.04).pdf

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to request that Joy Greenwood, Park Superintendent of Jockey' Ridge State Park be given the opportunity to speak on behalf of Jockey's Ridge State Park during the April 8, 2024 Rules Review Commission Special Meeting to consider the above-referenced temporary rule. Superintendent Greenwood will speak in support of the adoption of the temporary rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 and the Jockey's Ridge Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) established in that rule. Superintendent Greenwood would like to join and speak remotely via WebEx. Pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0105, I am also providing the following required information:

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Also, attached is a letter supporting the adoption of temporary rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 from Brian Strong, Director of the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation (NC DPR). NC DPR respectfully requests that RRC consider this letter as part of the RRC's April 8, 2024 Rules Review Commission Special Meeting regarding that rule.

If you need any further information from me, please let me know.

Thanks,
Jonathan

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Division of Parks and Recreation
NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

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Jeanette Doran, Chair
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RE: Jockey's Ridge State Park – Removal of AEC designation

Dear Chair Doran:

This letter is in response to the Rules Review Commission's October 2023 ruling to remove the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) designation from Jockey's Ridge State Park in Dare County, North Carolina. The AEC was established specifically to protect the Park's sand dune system from erosion by requiring that migrating sand be returned to the Park. This mandate is critical to the long-term conservation, restoration, and resiliency of the Park's significant natural and cultural resources. Therefore, the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation (Division) recommends that the Jockey's Ridge AEC rule be reestablished immediately via approval of the temporary rule proposed for adoption as 15A NCAC 07H .0507.

Established in 1974, Jockey's Ridge hosts more than one million visitors each year, making it one of the most visited parks in the State Park system. Soon after becoming a State Park, Jockey's Ridge was awarded National Natural Landmark status by the National Park Service, highlighting the largest active sand dune system in the Eastern US. The rare *Live Dune Barren* natural community and numerous state-threatened species within the Park prompted the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program to protect the Park as a Dedicated Nature Preserve.

Jockey's Ridge State Park is designated as a "Unique Coastal Geologic Formation" Area of Environmental Concern by the Coastal Resources Commission *(15A NCAC 07H .0507).* By establishing the AEC, the CRC recognized the natural and cultural significance of the dunes and the need to protect the system from the pressures of development outside park boundaries. The

dune system's natural replenishment of sand is inhibited by the increasing number of large buildings and impervious areas that surround the park. As such, the AEC status provides pertinent environmental protections by restricting activities that would adversely impact the "unique coastal geologic formation."

Specifically, the AEC requires that sand that migrates out of the park boundaries be returned to the dunes. The Division has utilized this statute twice in the past seven years in a combined effort with NCDOT and the Town of Nags Head to return sand that migrated onto nearby roads and residential neighborhoods. The accumulation of sand onto US 158 Bypass is an increasing danger to public safety and infrastructure. The provisions of the "Unique Coastal Geologic Formation" AEC allow the Division to continually utilize local resources and NCDOT to replenish the dunes while also protecting nearby infrastructure from migrating sand.

The mission of the Division of Parks & Recreation is to promote the conservation, recreation, and education of all parks within the State Park system. The protections provided by the "Unique Coastal Geologic Formation" AEC designation are critical to the Division's ability to fulfill this mission. The replenishment of sand into the dune system relies heavily on migrating sand being returned to the park – a requirement mandated under the AEC status. Therefore, the Division of Parks and Recreation requests that the Rules Review Commission permanently reinstate the Jockey's Ridge AEC designation via approval of the temporary rule proposed for adoption as 15A NCAC 07H .0507 so that the Division can continue to protect the Park's resources in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Strong

Burgos, Alexander N

From: heatherblank80@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:50 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge AEC

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern(AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark.
I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park

Heather Blankenbaker
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jason Gudasz <jag5331@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:51 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge Protection

Hello,

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern(AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark.
I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Thank you,

Jason Gudasz
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jodie Herman <jodieadam90@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:25 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA. Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.
Thank you.

Jodie Shelton-Herman

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Roberta Thuman <Roberta.Thuman@nagsheadnc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:23 AM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Andy Garman; Ben Cahoon
Subject: [External] Comments from Town of Nags Head's Board of Commissioners Regarding April 8 Meeting and CRC Rules
Attachments: Town of Nags Head Comments NC Rules Comm 4.5.2024.pdf

Please consider the attached letter as a submittal of the Town of Nags Head's Board of Commissioners comments on the Coastal Resources Commission's rules that the Rules Review Commission will consider at their April 8, 2024 meeting.

Thank you.

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April 5, 2024

Jeanette Doran, Chair
Rules Review Commission
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Re: Jockey's Ridge State Park – AEC Designation

Dear Chair Doran,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Town of Nags Head's Board of Commissioners. At our April 3, 2024 meeting the Board authorized me to write a letter supporting reinstatement of the rules submitted to you by the Coastal Resources Commission. The absence of these rules will place our state's vulnerable natural coastal resources at risk.

Coastal North Carolina has largely protected its beautiful and fragile coastal features, and avoided coastal-environment-changing development disasters, thanks to the Coastal Area Management Act and the rules and policies of the Coastal Resources Commission. These rules allow the state, and its local governments, to balance development and protect our coastal landmarks.

To use an example close to our hearts, Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 designates Jockey's Ridge State Park, one of the most popular parks in North Carolina, as a Unique Geological Formation Area of Environmental Concern. Thankfully, the Coastal Resources Commission recognized the natural and cultural significance of the dunes and the need to protect the park from the pressures of development. The AEC specifically requires that sand which migrates beyond the park boundaries be returned to the dunes. The provision of the Unique Coastal Geologic Formation AEC allows our state's Division of Parks and Recreation to replenish the dunes while also protecting nearby infrastructure from migrating sand.

The CRC's designation of the park as an AEC reads in part, that the CRC's objective is to preserve a unique resource of more than local significance, to ensure that the ridge and its natural processes shall be preserved for, and be accessible to, the scientific and educational communities for study purposes, and to protect its educational and aesthetic qualities. Those are legalistic and legislative ways of saying that Jockey's Ridge is beautiful, valuable, and beloved by our citizens and visitors. It is one of only a few North Carolina state parks fully within the boundaries of a town – in this case our town. It even plays a part in legends of our place name. Jockey's Ridge is very special to us.

Please help us protect not only Jockey's Ridge State Park, but also our state's other coastal resources, by restoring the rules submitted to the Rules Review Commission by the Coastal Resources Commission. While we acknowledge the importance of rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 to our interests, we maintain that all regulations under consideration are vital to the well-being of our state.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Cahoon
Mayor

Burgos, Alexander N

From: smbdtoo@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:06 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support

We *support the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.*

Mike Dickstein
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Vonnie Wescott <vonnie.wescott@darenc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:01 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I work with Dare County Parks and Recreation, and we partner with Jockey's Ridge State Park for numerous programs throughout the year. They are an incredible asset not only to us, but to our entire community. I grew up on the Outer Banks and live just south of Jockey's Ridge. I drive past these dunes at least 4 times a day. During our tourist season, I see the park flooded with visitors (daily), everyone in complete awe of this beautiful, natural landmark. It is vital to protect Jockey's Ridge, not only for locals, but for visitors from all over the world!

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations).

Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter,

Vonnie Wescott
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: margaux kerr <margauxburtonkerr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:51 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] URGENT - Jockey's Ridge AEC

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike. Thank you.

As a previous CAMA local permit officer, again I write to you to please adopt the CRC rules as permanent rules. I have seen it over and over again, the development is unsustainable for our moving barrier island, honestly we need these rules. It just makes sense....

Margaux Kerr

Burgos, Alexander N

From: kristi kristimidgette.com <kristi@kristimidgette.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:51 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Reinstatement of AEC Status

To the members of the Rules Review Commision,

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thanks,
Kristi

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Brie Sansotta <briesansotta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:49 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

I would like a vote in favor of Jockey's Ridge being an:

Area of Environmental Concern designation

I strongly support the re-adoption of the Area of Environmental Concern and the temporary rules as adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Sandra Murray <obxstargazer@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:49 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] JOCKEY'S RIDGE

The recent decision to potentially remove the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic formation.

Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

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Sent from Mail for Windows

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Audrey Bunn <bunnbebe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:48 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Outer Banks Areas of Environmental Concern

Dear Memebers of the Rules Review Commission,

I'm sending this email to bring some clarity to the ill-conceived notion of removing the Area of Environmental Concern status from the Outer Banks' most notable virtues. Jockeys Ridge State Park, Run Hill Natural Area, Nags Head Woods, and many other public natural areas along the Outer Banks are what sets us apart from other beach towns. We are not Myrtle Beach or Virginia Beach with high rises, gaudy facades on restaurants and tourist traps, with almost nothing *natural* about them other than the ocean itself. We are the wild and remote Outer Banks, with maritime forests, natural dunescapes like nowhere else, and amazingly accessible sound and ocean accesses that let locals and visitors alike escape urbanness.

Stripping these Outer Banks gems of their legal protections would be a gross oversight. Unfortunately, I must also draw attention to the decision makers in this ordeal. Any individuals with conflicts of interest should not have a say in this decision. If demolishing our treasured natural wonders attributes to anyone's personal gain, their decision should be invalid.

Locals and visitors of the Outer Banks have stood up for this governmental protection for decades. There is no just reasoning for removing those protections now, and it's discouragingly unfortunate that anyone would think otherwise regardless of their potential personal gain.

Thank you,
Audrey Bunn

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Elaine Wood <Elaine.Wood@bhhsysu.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:42 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC - support for temporary rules by CRC and readoption of AEC: attention Rules Review Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Elaine Wood

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Amber <amberelicker@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:39 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Dear Sirs and Madams,
I am ignorant as many of the "rules and regulations " at play here. It is my only wish to share my feelings about Jockeys Ridge.

It should be preserved if possible.
It is one of the only massive plots of land where a person can go and feel like they are in the wilderness here on the outer banks.
Part of that is because this is such a small flat piece of land that one can see human development in every direction most places. But also because the land, the sand rolls and in those valleys a child can get a feeling of what it feels like to be in Mother natures great expanse. A person can dream of places they will go and traverse. They for a moment can be free of man made materials. It is an AWESOME place to protect if possible. That being said one must prioritize tax paying money in a commen sense fashion. At the moment dredging of channels and stopping the erosion of our very islands should take monetary precedence. One could ask the community for funds and privatize portions of these matters of desire while tending to other matters of necessity.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
-Amber

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: John Swart <john.swart1@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:38 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Adopt area of environmental concern

Jockeys Ridge should be an area of environmental concern Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Allen Deaton <allendeaton777@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:37 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protection as well as the other areas protected with these rules are crucial to the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Sincerely,

Allen Deaton

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Shawn Kenny <shawntkenny@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:29 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect the ridge protect the future

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.

It's really hard to type with paws and no thumbs but please protect my favorite area to run, dig holes and chase sand. We go to the state park most mornings and nearly every night so I can have zoomies. It would be really sad to see a historic state park be developed due to lack of protection.

The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge. the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule
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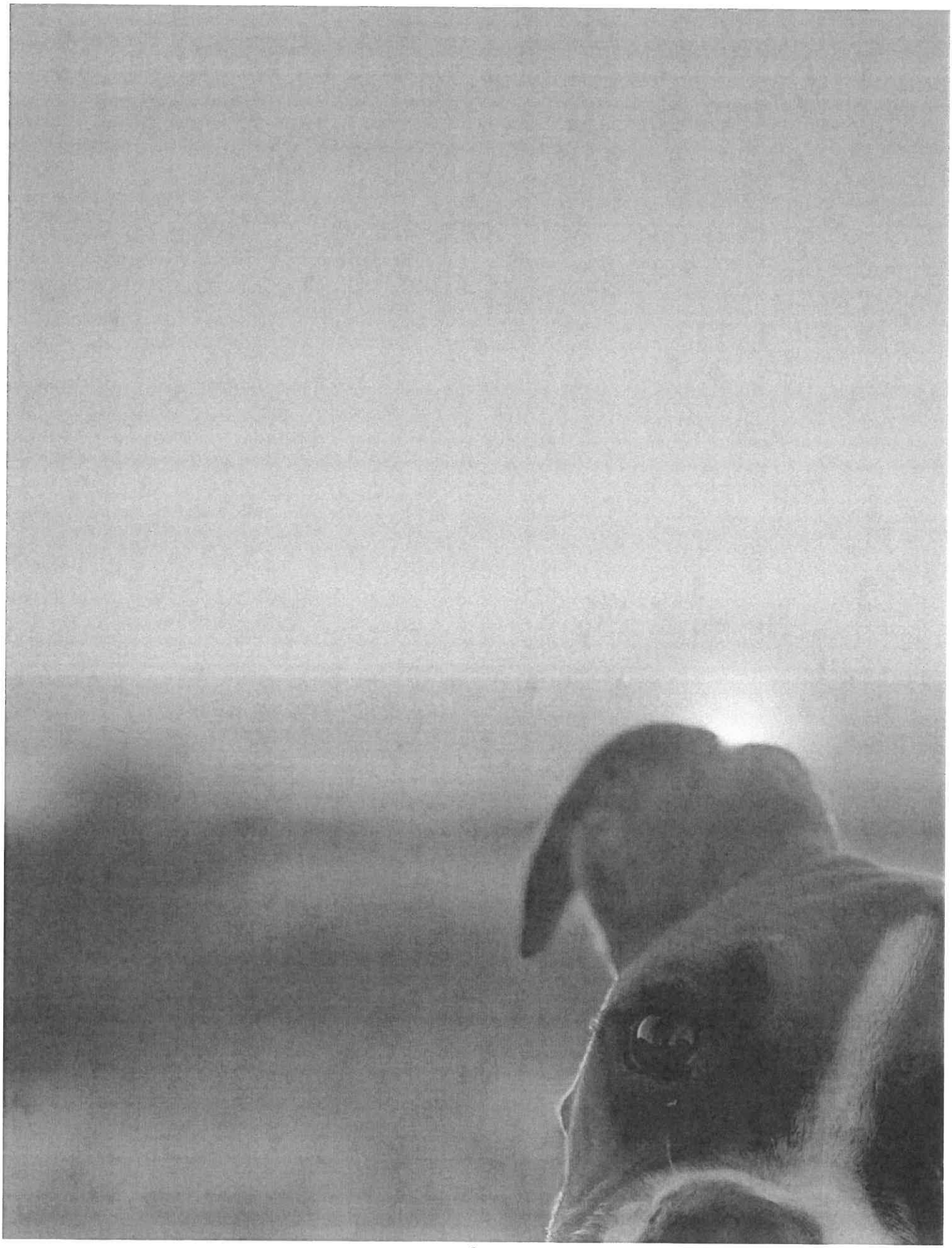

Thank you

Dizzy

Shawn Kenny
203 W Soundside Road
Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Macey Chovaz <maceydchovaz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:26 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge : keep AEC designation

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

As a Outer Banks Resident, I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you,
Macey Chovaz
27949

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Bill Long <billong@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:20 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] temporary rules

i am in very strong support for permanently adopting the temporary rules for jockeys ridge and the surrounding area.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Patricia Marks <pandcmarks@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:19 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protecting the Environment

Hello. We need to protect as much of the environment as much as we can to provide enjoyment of such things as Jockey's Ridge, We also need to protect the ocean front, soundfront, fresh ponds and natural habitats. Not only us but the wildlife is also depending on our responsibility in the protection. All these areas are very fragile and we MUST be diligent in the protection.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Patricia Emenheiser <patemenheiser@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:12 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

We believe the AEC designation is vital to protect Jockeys Ridge.

Pat and Bill Emenheiser
Sent from my iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jordan Horwat <jordan.horwat@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:20 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you,
Jordan Horwat

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Devin Chambers <microhealthouterbanks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:21 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys ridge

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you

Burgos, Alexander N

From: shelli gates <mustangoutreachprogram@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:36 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Public Comment - Removing Areas of Environmental Concern

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Shelli Gates

Nags Head , NC

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: kim <kimc.obxmc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:05 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge!!

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission: Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike. Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Penny Nelson <pennynelsonrf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 10:07 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Readoption of the AEC status for Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you very much!
Penny Nelson

Burgos, Alexander N

From: William Kane <wekane@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:43 AM
To: rrc.comments; rrc.comments
Subject: [External] (no subject)

No No & no do not destroy Jockeys Ridge or surrounding park!!

It is a disgrace for anyone to even consider such a proposal. It is a beacon in long standing for the community. The Ridge is what makes Nags Head what it is and serves as a recreational area, increases tourism and promotes businesses in the area. Jockeys Ridge is a historical landmark to be preserved as such , Removing Jockeys Ridge sets a president for removing other landmarks such as Cape Hatteras Lighthouse then what else.. If anyone or anything makes changes let it be nature.

State a real reason for this proposal, I know ,it's money money money some things money cant buy!!!! I am a resident of 306 W Danube St. .I have many wonderful memories of being on Jockeys Ridge as a child as my parents owned a cottage in Nags Head so Jockeys Ridge is part of our family. our grandchildren and now our great grandchildren are enjoying what God and nature created. It is time to just leave some things alone!!

Kind regards,

Linda Kane

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Friends of Jockey's Ridge <info@friendsofjockeysridge.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:11 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Sen. Bobby Hanig
Subject: [External] Comments from Friends of Jockey's Ridge
Attachments: FOJR-RRC-Letter-4-2-24-2.pdf

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Jockey's Ridge to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone, the primary goal of the CAMA.

The recent decision to potentially remove the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC), a crucial designation, poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic formation.

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An AEC requires a closer examination of proposed activities and intervention, providing time to consider the consequences of actions that could impact this environmental treasure. The national recognition garnered through the AEC designation further enhances the visibility of Jockey's Ridge, attracting over 1 million visitors every year from across the country.

We firmly believe that supporting the temporary rules recently adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission, including the AEC status, is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge. It is our collective responsibility to preserve this natural landmark for future generations and ensure that it remains accessible for scientific, educational, and recreational purposes.

In conclusion, we urge the Rules Review Commission to act swiftly and decisively in support of the temporary rules recently adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. Your commitment to preserving this unique coastal geologic formation is paramount in maintaining the ecological balance and cultural significance that Jockey's Ridge holds for the community and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Sincerely,

Craig Honeycutt
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Friends of Jockey's Ridge

Friends of Jockey's Ridge

P.O. Box 358 ✦ Nags Head, NC 27959

April 4, 2024

Rules Review Commission
1711 New Hope Church Rd
Raleigh, NC 27609

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Craig Honeycutt
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Friends of Jockey's Ridge

Burgos, Alexander N

From: raileyjb@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 4:17 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: raileyjb@gmail.com
Subject: [External] On the AEC issue

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
John Railey
Kitty Hawk, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ramon Soler <ramonsoler1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear Commissioners:

I am reaching out to you to express my strong support of Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern not only Jockey's Ridge State park, but the surrounding area are of grave concern, and I do not support the decision by the Rules Review Commission.

This Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) is a crucial designation. Without this in place, there is a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

It is crucial that the regulations that ensure sand migrating off the state property, stay in place with the AEC designation. The other rules and protections in place are significant as well. There is no reason to remove these, and as a tax payer, I'm against any removal of the AEC for Jockey's Ridge State Park, period.

No one should ever be allowed to relocate any sand blown from the dune or the State Park, it should all be returned to the dune. And in no uncertain circumstances should any sand blown from Jockey's Ridge be allowed to be harvested, collected or mined outside the park. In no circumstances should any sand from Jockey's Ridge State Park be made available for private use or commercial sale.

Furthermore, the AEC designation safeguards the park from undesirable development. These rules have been in place for decades and must stay in place to protect this natural resource.

And... Here are some thoughts on items that can be used in emails... and a possible start for people to consider:
Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Another good source of info for emails could be:
Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, has been designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) for several decades. The designation was made by the state government of North Carolina, specifically by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM).

The DCM designated Jockey's Ridge as an AEC primarily due to its ecological significance and vulnerability to environmental impacts. The unique ecosystem of the sand dunes, along with the surrounding maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats, warranted special protection measures to ensure their preservation.

The designation likely occurred in the latter half of the 20th century when there was growing recognition of the need to protect sensitive coastal environments from development and other human activities. Jockey's Ridge, with its towering sand dunes and diverse ecosystems, became recognized as a valuable natural asset deserving of conservation efforts.

By designating Jockey's Ridge as an AEC, the state of North Carolina aimed to provide legal and regulatory frameworks for managing and protecting the park's natural resources while allowing for sustainable recreational use and enjoyment by the public. This designation helps ensure that the ecological integrity and cultural significance of Jockey's Ridge State Park are preserved for current and future generations.

And, yet another good source of comments for emails could be:
If the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) designation were to be removed from Jockey's Ridge State Park, several potential consequences could arise, including:

1. **Increased Development Pressure**: Without the AEC designation, Jockey's Ridge could be more vulnerable to development pressures such as commercial or residential construction. This could lead to habitat destruction, fragmentation, and loss of biodiversity within the park.

2. **Ecological Degradation**: Removal of the AEC designation might result in less stringent environmental regulations, potentially leading to activities that could harm the park's fragile ecosystems. For example, increased foot traffic, vehicle use, or construction could disturb sensitive habitats, alter sand dune formations, and disrupt wildlife populations.

3. **Loss of Cultural Heritage**: Jockey's Ridge has significant cultural importance, both historically and recreationally. Removal of the AEC designation could lead to changes in land use that may diminish the park's cultural heritage value, including impacts on traditional activities like hang gliding and kite flying.

4. **Increased Vulnerability to Natural Hazards**: The sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge provide natural protection against coastal hazards such as erosion and storm surges. Without the AEC designation and associated protections, the park could become more vulnerable to these natural hazards, leading to increased risk for nearby communities and infrastructure.

5. **Negative Economic Impacts**: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a significant tourist attraction, contributing to the local economy through tourism-related activities. Any degradation of the park's natural and cultural resources resulting from the removal of the AEC designation could have negative economic consequences for the surrounding communities, including loss of tourism revenue and jobs.

Overall, removing the AEC designation from Jockey's Ridge State Park could have far-reaching negative impacts on its ecological integrity, cultural significance, economic value, and resilience to natural hazards. It's essential to maintain protective measures to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of this unique coastal ecosystem.

Sincerely,
Ramon Soler

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Adnan Jalil <adnanjalil@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:13 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

As a concerned resident and property owner in Nags Head, I am writing to express my strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.

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Thank you.
Adnan

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Geof Fountain <clemsonhoopster@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:35 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC for Jockeys Ridge

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you
Geof Fountain
2002 Bay Drive, KDH

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jason Face <irie.ojo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:28 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
Urgent: Send in your comments today to support Jockey's Ridge
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission.
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How Can You Support Protection Of Jockey's Ridge State Park?
Send in Comments via email to the Rules Review Commission by
April 7 at 5pm
to: rc.comments@oah.nc.gov
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Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lauren Cowart <laurencowartphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:35 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] READOPT AEC FOR JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK, OTHER OBX AREAS

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Lauren Cowart,

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Holliann Barry <hnb290@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:34 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:
I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
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Warm Island Regards,
Holliann Barry

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Salt Hair <salt.hair.syndicate@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:03 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge AEC

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission: Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike. Thank you.

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: amanda daniels <furimidasu@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:04 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC for Jockeys Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission: Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike. Thank you.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Serious <coastalbutmoody@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:05 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jeff Reibel <reibel.jeff@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:38 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC readoption

I am strongly in favor of the AEC readoption of Jockeys Ridge State Park along with other natural areas here in Nags Head, as well as Nags Head Woods. These are beautiful, natural areas that millions of people have enjoyed over countless years. I urge the CRC to keep these areas untouched for future generations.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Reibel
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Danielle Kimball <drkimball2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:48 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC for Jockey's Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission

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Thank you

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Scott Mosher <alvin.mosher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:57 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

I vote to keep Jockey's Ridge a State Park. Their is enough development on the Outer Banks already. Considering climate change, it doesn't make since to mess with Jockey's Ridge.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katherine St.Pierre <schakv22@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. They are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.
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Thank you.
-Kat St.Pierre

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jeremy Bourne <jjbourne712@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Nags Head Resident Neighboring Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express my concern around the possible removal of the AEC designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park. My family lives on the road which provides access to the Southern entrance to the park, and would be directly impacted by any policy change concerning Areas of Environmental Concern. Our personal residence is partially designated as AEC. These AEC protections, I believe, are well aligned with the resident's' hope for the future of this Soundside community.

I ask that you please consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale. It safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike. Thank you.

Jeremy J. Bourne
571 278 8564
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: yoghpl <yoghpl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:39 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you,

Paul Popiel

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Joleena Jewell <jewell.joleena@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:39 PM
To: rcc.comments@oah.nc.gov
Cc: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you,

Joleena Jewell

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Willow Rea <wilowarestudio@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:36 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Concern for the protection of Jockeys ridge

To the members of the Rules Review Commission:
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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.
Thank you,
Willow Rea, resident of Manteo

Burgos, Alexander N

From: robin w <baileyzmomz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:30 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Good evening.
I am writing to you in reference to the fate of rules for Jockey's Ridge with respect to progress of the community and country. The landmark is unique in its era and has no comparisons. It would be for the betterment of our people to honor the current standards of the area in question for reasons beyond words. This includes the history, the attraction for tourists, students and families, the events created using the park, and the natural phenomenon, itself. Thank you so much for your consideration of preserving the rules for one of the most unique parks our country has to offer as an experience to visitors from all over the world.

Robin Arnold

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Shea LaFountaine <shealafountaine@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:52 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please reinstate Jockey's Ridge state park

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I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you,
Shea LaFountaine

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Becky Bartel <becky.bartel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:47 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC status for Jockey's Ridge SP

Rules Review Commission,

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Thank you,
Becky Harrison
Nags Head resident & appreciative neighbor of Jockey's Ridge State Park

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ami Hill <ami@museoriginals.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

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Thank you

Ami Hill
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katie Morgan <katiefordare@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:36 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park

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Thank you

Katie Morgan
101 Maddox Crossing Ln
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katie Morgan <obxtreedoc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge State Park

Everyone is asking me what they can do to help...here is something very impactful that you can do to help out. Email the following pre-typed email below to: rrc.comments@oah.nc.gov If we FLOOD their email box with multiple emails, it WILL make a difference. These people keep getting away with awful things like this because they think people aren't aware. Email them, prove to them we know what they are doing. Below is the email that you can cut and paste to send: To the members of the Rules Review Commission: I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application. The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA. Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern(AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you

Ernst Greive
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Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Julie Walter <jewels364@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:16 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Area of Environmental Concern

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you.

Julie A. Walter
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Christine Hiller <christinehiller123@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Do not remove the AEC rules

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as the other areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Christine Hiller

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lillian Page <lillianpage@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:10 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] READOPT AEC for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations)

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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-Lillian Page

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Panda Daniels <thesaltpanda@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:22 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge AEC protections

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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- panda daniels

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Matthew Smith <mbsmith9@waketech.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:37 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge is critical

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond.

The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Thanks
Matt

Matthew B. Smith
Wake Tech Foundation
919.417.2726

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ann Simpson <acsimpson944@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:44 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support for Area of Environmental Concern Designations

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

This email is to emphatically support the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the re-adoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) maintains its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community. These rules are critical to the future of North Carolina's conservation areas and natural features -- elements that attract the majority of tourism dollars to our state.

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This correspondence reflects my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal or weakening of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Ann C. Simpson
Chapel Hill, NC

Ann C. Simpson
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Billy Moseley <billymoseley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:25 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Colette
Subject: [External] Protect Jockeys Ridge

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To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Thank you

Billy Moseley,

252-202-1762 cell

www.thewindwardgroupltd.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Joanne Torrence <joanne.torrence@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:17 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Reinstate protection rules for jockeys ridge.

Please consider reinstating rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern.
As a concerned citizen, I would like to see protective measures implemented please.
Thanks you for listening to our voice.

Joanne

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lauren Nelson <lauren4beach@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:19 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support the Re-adoption of AEC status for Jockeys Ridge State Park

To the Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am writing to express strong support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission. The CRC rules are specific in standard and application.The rules are clearly authorized by the Coastal Area Management Act as amended and are needed to protect the coastal zone and Jockey's Ridge, the primary goal of the CAMA.

Consider the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park (Rule 15A NCAC 07H .0507 Unique Coastal Geologic Formations). Removing this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. The AEC designation regulates sand migration off state property to be replenished on the dune to help maintain its volume and prevent relocation or commercial sale, safeguards the park from undesirable development and brings national attention to this significant landmark. I firmly believe the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park in order to preserve this natural landmark for future generations in our community and visitors alike.

Thank you.
Lauren Nelson

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Matt Walker <r.matt.walker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:29 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] keep AEC rules in place!!

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Sincerely,
Robert M. & Laurin Walker
Kill Devil Hills, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Keena Bartley <keena_bartley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 9:11 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as the other areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Keena Bartley
Raleigh, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: B & G <2seabrook@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:06 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place....Jockey's Ridge and Run Hill

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Very sincerely,

Brian Reece AND Gregg Hilker

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Pat Jones <prjones.lex@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:24 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge and the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation

We understand the RRC is going to consider the Area of Environmental Concern designation soon. We strongly request that the AEC designation remain in place for the following reasons:

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact

and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Sincerely,
Tom and Pat Jones
3507 S Linda Lane
Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Rick Arthur <rickarthur2020@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:37 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Maintaining the AEC designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear RRC members,

My wife Barbara and I own a house a couple of blocks from Jockey's Ridge State Park. We understand the RRC is going to consider the AEC designation soon. We strongly request that the AEC designation remain in place.

Jockey's Ridge is a rare natural treasure that needs to be protected. It is enjoyed by many thousands of local residents and visitors of the Outer Banks each year - both young and old. It would be a travesty if it's protections were lifted and the largest sand dunes on the East Coast were negatively impacted by unnecessary development.

Therefore, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

In order to continue to protect this natural wonder, please keep the AEC designation in place. We truly appreciate your consideration of our request.

Thank you.

Rick & Barbara Arthur
3535 South Memorial Avenue
Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jennifer Langley <ncmom0526@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:03 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Jennifer langley
Southern Shores, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: JW Jackson <jwjackso@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:43 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

My wife and I believe it is imperative to reinstate rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. Protection of the area is needed to preclude degradation.
Thank you for your support.
J W Jackson

Burgos, Alexander N

From: George Barnes <georgegb2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:35 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Re: AEC - support for temporary rules by CRC and readoption of AEC: attention Rules Review Commission

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2024, at 6:21 PM, George Barnes <georgegb2@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
George Barnes, Retired superintendent of Jackie's Ridge State Park, over 30 years. Nags Head,NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: jbfitz4@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:58 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey Ridge

The outer banks is a great place for locals and tourists but please save some land to nature. There are plenty of places to live rent or hang out and eat without developing the jockey ridge state park. Please save the park as it is so people can enjoy the outer banks in its natural state.

Joel Fitzgerald
757-715-7577
jbfitz4@gmail.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Amy Tankard <amytankard@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:19 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Coastal Resources Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Very sincerely,
Amy Tankard
__4035 South Virginia Dare Rd
Nags Head____, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Katy W. <katybwheeler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Please Keep the AEC Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park!

Keep the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park

I have grown up visiting Jockey's Ridge sand dunes. My children have grown up visiting the dunes, the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. I am now a proud home owner nearby and I want to protect the dunes for future generations to enjoy.

Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial and here's why:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to

wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

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5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience

to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

Please keep this protected designation!

Sincerely,

Katy Wheeler

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-Katy

Burgos, Alexander N

From: George Barnes <georgegb2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:21 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC - support for temporary rules by CRC and readoption of AEC: attention Rules Review Commission

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Very sincerely,
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Natalie Moore <njmoore57@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:54 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: njmoore57@att.net
Subject: [External] Saving Jockey Ridge State Park

My name is Natalie Shaver Moore, I am 67 yrs old and my family has been coming to Jockey Ridge even before I was born. My children and grandchildren have been there so please don't destroy Jockey Ridge State Park.

Why do humans always want to destroy something beautiful that God gave us to enjoy for a life time. The Outer Banks are slowly being washed away by the Sea.....please, please don't DESTROY Jockey Ridge.

Thank You,
Natalie Shave Moore

Burgos, Alexander N

From: JOHN COOK <jlcguitar@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:56 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

A great natural playground that is unique along the east coast.

Don't succumb to land developers and politicians trying to get more tax money at the expense of a destroying a unique large sand dune that is enjoyed by residents and tourists.
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tony Dajon <tonydajon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

Please keep Jockey's Ridge UNDEVELOPED. PLEASE PRESERVE IT.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: RWM <randywmorrison@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:48 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect Jockey's Ridge State Park

Protect Jockey's Ridge State Park from development.
Randy Morrison

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Erinn Albert <slatererinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

Please keep the natural areas protected. We do not need anymore development. Preserve Jockey's Ridge!

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tami Azorsky <tazorsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Ruth Tiger; Kevin Mcgillicuddy
Subject: [External] Temporary Rules

Braxton Davis
Director
Division of Coastal Management
400 Commerce Ave.
Morehead City, NC 28557

Dear Mr. Davis,

We are writing to support the readoption of Area of Environmental Concern ("AEC") status for Jockey's Ridge State Park and surrounding environs and specifically to support adoption of temporary rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 by the Coastal Resources Commission ("CRC"). We are non-resident homeowners in Nags Head, NC who spend significant time in our home and rent only during the summer season, approximately ten to twelve weeks. Adoption of the temporary rule is critical to the preservation of Jockey's Ridge, a unique coastal geologic feature in Nags Head that has been recognized as a National Natural Landmark. The temporary rule should be adopted now to ensure that this national treasure remains protected as an AEC.

The protections afforded by the AEC status for Jockey's Ridge will prevent uncontrolled development or incompatible use that could jeopardize the very existence of this unique coastal geologic formation. As stated in the rule: "Jockey's Ridge is the tallest active sand dune along the Atlantic Coast of the United States. . . . Jockey's Ridge is an example of a medano, a large isolated hill of sand, asymmetrical in shape and lacking in vegetation. Jockey's Ridge is the largest medano in North Carolina and has been designated a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior." Preservation of the shifting sand in the feature is critical to the continued viability of the medano. One of the protections of temporary rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 is that it ensures sand migrating off state property is replenished on the dune to maintain the dune's volume, rather than relocated or sold commercially.

In addition to its geologic/ecologic significance, Jockey's Ridge is an incredible draw attracting tens to hundreds of thousands of visitors every year, including resident and non-resident homeowners like us and our neighbors, for cultural and recreational events. The Ridge, therefore, offers scientific, educational, recreational, and cultural benefits. All of these benefits deserve the protection the AEC designation offers.

We understand that the Rules Review Commission's ("RRC's") actions resulted from certain legislative

changes that modified procedures for reauthorization of rules and resulted in several rules, including the AEC designation for Jockey's Ridge, being removed from the N.C. Code due to certain disputes between the RRC and the CRC. We do not profess to be experts on the ins and outs of North Carolina Administrative Law. As homeowners who understand the importance of Jockey's Ridge as a geologic, cultural, educational, recreational treasure, however, we feel it is critical to adopt Rule 15A NCAC 07H.0507 immediately to ensure that Jockey's Ridge continues to be protected as an AEC.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Tami Azorsky
Ruth Tiger
Kevin McGillicuddy

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Stephen Goodwin <sgoodwin4813@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:16 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge protections

Dear Rules Commission,

I was shocked to read about the rules for protection of Jockey's Ridge and other important sites being deleted. I own a home within walking distance of Jockey's Ridge that I rent out for much of the summer season. In addition to being a second home for me and my family, my property generates usually over $60,000 in rental income per year, most of which gets pumped back into the local economy for repairs and services. This is possible because of the attractiveness of the local environment, which absolutely must be protected. In addition, I pay thousands of dollars in taxes every year. Please reinstate all of the protections for our local environment so that Nags Head and the Outer Banks can continue to be a vibrant community that attracts visitors from all over the country. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Goodwin
205 E Curlew St, Nags Head

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Joseph Costello <atjpc10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:00 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park AEC

To Whom It May Concern,

Please reinstate the AEC Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The Park is a wonderful natural area with immeasurable benefits to natural habitat, local pride, tourism, wind sports and community events. It makes no sense to remove these protections, undoing the brave efforts of Carolista Baum and the wise decision to create an AEC in the first place. Please protect the largest sand dune on the East Coast. Do the right thing!

Thank you,

Joe Costello

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Shelly Blackstone <shellykblackstone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:37 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge should remain an Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) and Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) should retain its original intent and authority

I support the environmental protections of Jockey's Ridge State Park and other areas of AEC designation and CRC's original intent and authority to designate AECs.

Reasons Why Jockey's Ridge State Park and other AEC's should retain their designations:

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

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6. Other Areas at risk of Slippery Slope: If the CRC loses its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, or the area near the fresh pond, might also be at risk of losing their AEC protections

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

A comment on Conflict of Interest and lack of democratic process:

I DO NOT support the addition of developers to the board; this is a clear conflict of interest. Further, the state of North Carolina with its Rules Committee changes are an affront to the original intent of the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) and the preservation and the purpose of Jockey's Ridge State Park established fifty (50) years ago for its PERMANENT protection.

The CRC's top priority is to preserve areas of environmental concern (AEC). Unfortunately the latest moves of NC leaders, including the Insurance Commissioner, has been to expand and appoint developers to the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). That the NC Ethics Commission allowed this is disappointing. As expected, these **newly appointed developers have made their destructive agenda clear**. They immediately attempted, and failed, to oust CRC's leader, Renee Cahoon who also serves as a commissioner for the Town of Nags Head which supports the preservation of Jockey's Ridge State Park. The developers on the board are also behind the removal of designations of environmental concern (AEC).The maneuvers are based on self-interest and the special-interests of the allies in the NC government are NOT in the best interests of the people living in the Outer Banks or those who come to visit. In other words, the newly appointed developers on the board are clearly NOT speaking for the people they are supposed to represent.

Sincerely,
Shelly Blackstone
Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Meade Gwinn <mgwinn13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:34 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Willis, Angela
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear Ms. Willis:
I am writing in support of allowing the Coastal Resource Commission (CRC) to have the authority to create and manage Areas of Environmental Concern (AEC), especially for jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head.

I live close to that park, and it is a vital but fragile attraction to both citizens and visitors who visit there each year in the thousands. In order to maintain that site, the CRC has to have that park designated as such. Risks to the park include, but are not limited to, sand erosion due to windstorms and public use. These risks require continuous monitoring and sand replenishment as needed. Being designated as an AEC will help to protect this cherished tourist attraction for its future.

Please forward this along with my contact information to the appropriate individual(s).

Thank you for your assistance.

Meade Gwinn
Nags Head Planning Board Member
4913 S. Links Drive
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: pmhouck@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:13 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: Fwd: RE: [External] Fwd: Establishment of Area of Environmental Concern

Please consider content of email below originally sent to Ms. Willis.

Paula & Gary Houck
Nags Head Homeowners

---------- Original Message ----------
From: "Willis, Angela" <angela.willis@deq.nc.gov>
To: "pmhouck@comcast.net" <pmhouck@comcast.net>
Date: 04/03/2024 3:51 PM EDT
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Establishment of Area of Environmental Concern

Thank you for these comments.

Please email them to this address: rrc.comments@oah.nc.gov to be considered at Monday's Rules Review Commission meeting.

Angela

Angela Willis, Asst. to the Director

NC Division of Coastal Management

NC Department of Environmental Quality

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Morehead City, NC 28557

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From: pmhouck@comcast.net <pmhouck@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:14 PM
To: Willis, Angela <angela.willis@deq.nc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Establishment of Area of Environmental Concern

Good day Ms. Willis,

As a homeowner in Nags Head as well as a homeowner in Maryland, I believe I most certainly am qualified to speak to the importance of designation Establishment of Area of Environmental Concern.

It has been four years now since we purchased our home in Nags Head. Being born and raised in Maryland the typical choice for a beach home is, Ocean City, Rehoboth, any place in Delaware. That was not for my family. Anything remotely enticing has long been destroyed by overzealous developers and government that turns a blind eye and deaf ear.

I personally have witnessed the destruction of these beloved beach communities by the very same principals of neglect and development. That is specifically why we chose the Outer Banks. Never having stepped foot on the island but doing substantial research our home

was purchased online, yes quite a leap of faith and it has proven to be a God send.

We have not been disappointed and have no regrets. The beauty of the island, the care provide everywhere you look, be it government, business or personal is incredible. The care of these majestic creations on the island must be preserved at all costs. Ignore them and you will be no better than those who did so before and a sacrifice that will have long lasting negative impact not only on Nags Head but the entire island.

I am in complete support of the establishment of Areas of Environmental Concern. Every effort must be undertaken to protect these areas of significant historical, cultural and scenic value. I cannot begin to imagine Nags Head without Jockey Ridge.

I have witnessed first handedly the impact of such after spending forty-five years in the local political arena of Baltimore County government. It isn't a pretty sight and once the damage has been done it is too late.

Please do not allow such to destroy Nags Head and everything else on the island. Do not allow this to be the legacy of what once was, for people to shake their heads in disbelief saying "oh, you should have seen it before, it wasn't always like this."

Please preserve all the charm of Nags Head and the Outer Banks offers before it is too late.

Respectfully,

Paula & Gary Houck

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Nags Head, NC 27959

410-227-7506

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Holly Nettles <hollynettles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:55 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support for AEC status for Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I'm sending this email to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally many years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time. Let's not look back on this with regret, wishing we had tried harder to protect this natural treasure that makes North Carolina the special place it is.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Holly Nettles
Nags Head resident

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Leslie Miles <lmiles@topsidedc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:51 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Jayson Schwam (jaysonschwam@gmail.com); listserv@civicplus.com
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

I write as a property owner in Nags Head, near Jockey's Ridge State Park, proposed to be removed as an Area of Environmental Concern.

The park is our favorite sailing destination, highly visible as the largest dune on the East Coast, and uniquely enchanting in its ever-changing configuration and topography. It is a very popular hiking and walking area, accessible to residents and visitors all year. It is resources like this park that enticed us, and our fellow owners, to buy on this beach, and it draws seasonal renters and guests from far afield.

I cannot believe that this idea is even being considered. It would be opposed by every owner, visitor, business and public official on the beach. This unique resource requires AEC protection, as do our woods, our soundfront, our oceanfront. Please do not take such a misguided and foolish step. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Leslie

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Adam McNaughton <adam.mcnaughton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:33 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge and the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation

Hello,

My wife and I have a property very close to Jockey's Ridge State Park. We understand the RRC is going to consider the AEC designation soon. We request that the AEC designation remain in place for the following reasons:

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Sincerely,
Adam McNaughton

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kelsey Colvin <kels.colv@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:20 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Rules Review Commission - Do not remove the AEC rules

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Kelsey Rose

Murfressboro , NC

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Kelsey Colvin Rose

Burgos, Alexander N

From: John Ratzenberger <john.ratzenberger@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:10 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Comments for NC Rules Commission 8 Apr 2024 special meeting re Jockeys Ridge

Dear NC Rules Commission;

We write to endorse prior comments by ourselves and others to the Coastal Resource Commission that permanent protections for Jockey’s Ridge in the form of an AEC and temporary protections be put in place as soon as possible until the dispute between the Coastal Resource Commission and the Rules Review Commission is resolved.

The process in this matter seems to be retroactive and rushed – ignoring some decades of work by many people and commissions to protect and preserve significant natural resources that define and protect the North Carolina coast land and it's history.

It is important to remember Jockey’s Ridge is the only state park lying fully within a town’s boundaries and that fosters a strong working relationship between town and state. The Superintendent of Jockey’s Ridge, Joy Greenwood, relies on the AEC status to provide the Division of Parks and Recreation regulatory authority to protect the dunes and conduct necessary and required maintenance with them.

Jockey’s Ridge is not just a big natural sand formation, it forms a backbone along the dunes of the Outer Banks. The Outer Banks was the place of the First Flight and chosen because of the winds and dune formations but one can see how much it has changed in 120 years. It is constantly under assault by wind and water, not to mention development.

40 years ago, we saw what might happen to Jockey’s Ridge – and once it is gone, it is gone – it cannot be rebuilt.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this urgent and important matter.
John & Annette Ratzenberger
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Nags Head, NC, 27959
252-573-9016

Burgos, Alexander N

From: frank.campanale@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:02 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge and the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation: Frank & Christine Campanale Input

North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission,

Please accept and record this correspondence as a personal indication by property owners Frank and Christine Campanale (3539 S. Memorial Ave, Nags Head) requesting to reinstate rules that protect the designation of ***Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)***. As long-time OBX visitors (40+ years), property owners, & individuals who are currently transitioning into retirement within Jockey's Ridge/Nags Head community, we are of the strong opinion that the protection of this ***precious resource*** is of the utmost importance for its many macro attributes such as geological features, environmental benefits, tourism attraction, and a residential atmosphere in harmony with nature.

We further encourage all efforts to preserve North Carolina's Jockey Ridge State Park renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States as well as all of its other offerings which below attempts to briefly describe:

Ecosystem Protection:

- Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

Geological Importance:

- The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

Cultural Heritage:

- Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

Tourism and Recreation:

- Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

Coastal Resilience:

- As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In closing, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is ESSENTIAL for protecting its unique offering while also promoting resilience in the face of many other and unrelated coastal environmental challenges.

Sincerely,
Frank & Christine Campanale

3539 S. Memorial Ave
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Margaret Soler <margaretsoler2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:50 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my support for the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern not only Jockey's Ridge State Park, but the surrounding area is of grave concern, and I do not support the decision by the Rules Review Commission.

This Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) is a crucial designation. Without this in place, there is a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

It is crucial that the regulations that ensure sand migrating off the state property, stay in place with the AEC designation. The other rules and protections in place are significant as well. There is no reason to remove these, and as a taxpayer, I'm against any removal of the AEC for Jockey's Ridge State Park, period.

No one should ever be allowed to relocate any sand blown from the dune or the State Park, it should all be returned to the dune. And in no uncertain circumstances should any sand blown from Jockey's Ridge be allowed to be harvested, collected, or mined outside the park. Nor should any sand from Jockey's Ridge State Park be made available for private use or commercial sale.

Furthermore, the AEC designation safeguards the park from undesirable development. These rules have been in place for decades and must stay in place to protect this natural resource.

Please consider these specific details on the significance of Jockey's Ridge as you all make decisions that will impact both the landscape of our state, the historical significance, our citizens and visitors as well as the ecosystem itself.

- Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.
- Geological Importance: The dynamic dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.
- Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its

AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

- Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

Overall, removing the AEC designation from Jockey's Ridge State Park could have far-reaching negative impacts on its ecological integrity, cultural significance, economic value, and resilience to natural hazards. It's essential to maintain protective measures to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of this unique coastal ecosystem.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Margaret Soler
Wake County, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jeff Pavlak <japavlak1@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Supporting Maintaining Jockey's Ridge as an Area of Environmental Concern

Hello,

My wife and I are homeowners of Nags Head and live very close to Jockey's Ridge State Park. We understand the RRC is going to consider the AEC designation soon. We strongly request that the AEC designation remain in place for the following reasons:

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Pat Pavlak
3616 South Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Dan Hudson <huds1117@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

To Whom it may concern,

As a visitor to Nags Head since I was 5 years old (1964), a vacationer here since 1988 and a property owner since 2003 I would like to voice my concerns over any change to the status of Jockey's Ridge State Park and surrounding areas. Please reinstate the rules that protect the designation as an Area of Environmental Concern.

Dan Hudson
2904 South Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Karen Bachman <karenobx@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:57 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Coastal Commission

Please reinstate the rules protecting Jockeys Ridge, an important space to nature,iconic to the Outer Banks, and a rare place of beauty and quiet. Not enough open spaces are available or protected; be like Teddy Roosevelt committing to a vision for all for our future generations .

Karen Bachman
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tim S. Lehan <tim.s.lehan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:52 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC - support for temporary rules by CRC and readoption of AEC: attention Rules Review Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Tim Lehan, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: David Warren <dmwarrenesq@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:38 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Area of Environmental Concern/Jockey's Ridge

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as the other areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Yours very truly,

David M. Warren
Raleigh, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Michael Lowder <robertmichaellowder@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:36 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Maintaining Current AEC Status for Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I'm writing to add my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission, including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as for Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park -- which is our state's most visited state park -- or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as these aforementioned areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

My family and I are against removal of any AEC protection or rules as they pertain to Jockey's Ridge and all other environmentally significant areas of the Outer Banks. They must stay in place.

Best regards,

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Michael Lowder
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Sara Haigh <sarasearetreat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:12 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Coastal Resources Commission - Statement in Support of AEC Designation in Nags Head

To: North Carolina Rules Commission

I strongly endorse the Coastal Resource Commission authority to designate Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. If the CRC were to lose its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, or the area near the fresh pond, might also be at risk of losing their AEC protections. The AEC on the oceanfront has provided long standing protections that restrict development along the shoreline, create setback requirements, and prohibit hardened structures, such as bulkheads and groins, which have been problematic in other states.

As a permanent resident of Nags Head, I am very concerned about protecting our fragile environment along the coast. I am against removal of any Area of Environmental Concern protections that are currently in place.

Thank you,

Sara Haigh
10342 S Colony South Dr
Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Collins, Jay N. <collinjn@EVMS.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:12 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External]

Good afternoon,

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

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2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges

Sincerely
Jay Collins
3632 S Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, VA 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: jim thompson <jimthompson1007@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:52 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

I am a resident of Nags Head, NC and DEFINITELY want the grounds at Jockeys Ridge protected.

Thank you

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James Thompson
610-806-2819
jimthompson1007@gmail.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Sam Gonzales <gonzales.sam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:44 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] KEEP Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) for Jockey's Ridge State Park

NC Rules Commission,
As a homeowner of Nags Head, I'm asking to reinstate rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern.

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Michele Aydlett <michele.aydlett@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:27 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Protect our environment

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors locally and across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Michele Aydlett
President Albemarle Conservation and Wildlife Chapter__Elizabeth City, NC

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Emery, Kevin L <KevinE@chemtreat.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:29 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Basil Belsches; terri.emery@yahoo.com
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

To Whom it may concern,

Jockey's Ridge has developed an important local park/draw to the area and is personally important to me. We live nearby and enjoy sunset walks often throughout the year. It is also home to many diverse plants and animals and should be protected as an ecologically sensitive area. Additional building in the area would put too much load on the sound which already has bacteria issues in the warmer months.

Regards,

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Chess Harris <messingabout34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:31 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge and the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation

Dear Sir,

My wife and I are North Carolina residents, living in Nags Head (actually "Old Nags Head")in our hoke that is across the street to Jockey's Ridge State Park. we are not a rental house - this is our home.

We strongly request that you reaffirm the AEC designation for Jockey's Ridge for the following reasons:

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

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In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Sincerely,

Chess and Karen Harris

3541 South Memorial Avenue, Nags Head

Burgos, Alexander N

From: John Graham <jwgraham3807@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:21 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge/Coastal Resources Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the readoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place!

John W. Graham
3006 Willow Oak Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ann-Cabell Baum <cabelldtr@glenwoodagency.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:26 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC - support for temporary rules by CRC and readoption of AEC: attention Rules Review Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Ann-Cabell Baum
Raleigh, NC and Dare Co property owner

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cabelldtr@glenwoodagency.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Dianna Wynn <diannawynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:38 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] re: Jockey's Ridge AEC

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Very sincerely,
Dianna Wynn
Cary, NC

Dianna Wynn
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Leigh <leigh00leigh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:02 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support of Temp Rules Adopted by CRC & Re-Adoptions of AEC

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

My email is to voice my support for the temporary rules adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission including the re-adoption of the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. It is crucial that that Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) be allowed to keep it's authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, and areas near the fresh pond. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove the power of the CRC and the rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding areas, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Respectfully,

Leigh Lawrence
919-793-5813

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Basil Belsches <brbelsches@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:06 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Lynne Belsches
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge and the Area for Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation

Hello,

My wife and I are full-time residents of Nags Head and live very close to Jockey's Ridge State Park. We understand the RRC is going to consider the AEC designation soon. We strongly request that the AEC designation remain in place for the following reasons:

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Sincerely,
Basil and Lynne Belsches
3521 S Memorial Avenue, Nags Head

Burgos, Alexander N

From: John Juzwiak <jjobx@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:07 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

As a resident of Nags Head, I urge you to reinstate the rules that protect Jockeys Ridge.
This is a valuable public resource that must be protected so it may be enjoyed by current and future generations.
Thank you
John Juzwiak
John & Jean Juzwiak
Sent from my iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ellen Heatwole <ellensheatwole@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:05 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] protect Jockeys Ridge State Park

Hello, I am writing to urge you to support and protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. This coastal community of ours is constantly under attack from Mother nature and other factors such as over development. This community works hard to keep our area beautiful, safe and healthy for not only our residents but the millions of tourists that visit yearly. I want you to continue that support and work hard to put practices into place that recognize our unique realties here. They should include:

- Measures crafted to protect human life and safety from natural hazards
- Requirements for developments or enhancements to minimize their impacts
- Verifications that public infrastructure systems are appropriately sized, located, and maintained for the respective areas
- Efforts to minimize land use conflicts with significant historical, cultural, scenic, or environmental value to the town

Thank you for working to reflect the needs and wishes of this community. Ellen Heatwole

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Tracy Harrington <piratetracy69@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:05 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Tracy Harrington

LifeLong NC Resident

252-916-1029

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Tracy

"A secret to life is letting every situation be what it is, instead of what you think it should be."

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Joe Gomillion <joegomillion@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:17 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge - Do not Remove AEC rules

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, oceanfront areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

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Very sincerely,

Joe T. Gomillion II

Raleigh, NC

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919-561-9899
joegomillion@gmail.com

Burgos, Alexander N

From: C R <beachnest@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:09 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support of Jockey's Ridge State Park

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

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Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Connie Rose, Manteo, NC
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Vickie Almond <vickalmond@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:55 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) Jockey's Ridge

Dear Commissioners:

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Very sincerely,

Vickie and Chris Almond

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jessica Wood <jessicatwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:32 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Support for leaving all AEC rules in place!

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my support for the Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern not only Jockey's Ridge State Park, but the surrounding area is of grave concern, and I do not support the decision by the Rules Review Commission.

This Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) is a crucial designation. Without this in place, there is a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

It is crucial that the regulations that ensure sand migrating off the state property, stay in place with the AEC designation. The other rules and protections in place are significant as well. There is no reason to remove these, and as a taxpayer, I'm against any removal of the AEC for Jockey's Ridge State Park, period.

No one should ever be allowed to relocate any sand blown from the dune or the State Park, it should all be returned to the dune. And in no uncertain circumstances should any sand blown from Jockey's Ridge be allowed to be harvested, collected, or mined outside the park. Nor should any sand from Jockey's Ridge State Park be made available for private use or commercial sale.

Furthermore, the AEC designation safeguards the park from undesirable development. These rules have been in place for decades and must stay in place to protect this natural resource.

Please consider these specific details on the significance of Jockey's Ridge as you all make decisions that will impact both the landscape of our state, the historical significance, our citizens and visitors as well as the ecosystem itself.

- Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.
- Geological Importance: The dynamic dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.
- Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its

AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

- Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

Overall, removing the AEC designation from Jockey's Ridge State Park could have far-reaching negative impacts on its ecological integrity, cultural significance, economic value, and resilience to natural hazards. It's essential to maintain protective measures to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of this unique coastal ecosystem.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Jessica Wood
Raleigh NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Scott & Sally Kraut <nagsheadstay@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:28 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Keep AEC rules in place

As a concerned homeowner in Nags Head, I am reaching out to voice my support for keeping AEC rules in place for Jockey's Ridge. As a treasured landmark in our community it must be protected at all costs.

Scott and Sally Kraut
5611 S. Sandbar Dr. Nags Head, NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jodi Schwartz <jodicenterline@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:24 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Rules Review Commission - Do not remove the AEC rules

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors across the state are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules or any protection of our coastal natural resources. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge is a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protections here, as well as the other areas protected by these rules, are crucial to remain in place to protect the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,

Jodi Schwartz

Raleigh, NC

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lauren Nolen <lauren.vanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:08 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Temporary Rules - Jockey's Ridge

As a resident of Nags Head for three years and as a visitor for over 30, Jockey's Ridge is the heart and soul of the Outer Banks. This needs to be kept as an Area of Environmental Concern. Taking this away is like cutting down the rainforest -- it is a huge part of the biodiversity of the region. Please, please, please consider making this sacred. I believe removing it would impact tourism to the region, money to North Carolina, and the loss of thousands of jobs.

Personally, I would likely move back to Richmond, Virginia should this change happen.

Thank you,
Lauren Nolen

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Roland Vaughan <mayorvaughan@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:54 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] CRC/AEC

As an owner of a home on the oceanfront in the town of Nags Head I urge you to continue to authorize the CRC to designate AEC's in our community. We chose to purchase our house in Nags Head because of the quality of and sensitivity of the local government in preserving the quality of life that simply does not exist in other ocean front municipalities of Dare County. The settlement of the outer banks began in what is now Nags Head and the CRC should remain part of the partnership that has maintained the integrity of the community.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.
Roland. Vaughan
252-339-0992
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Nags Head, NC
Sent from my iPad

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Alice Colbert <acolbert77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:27 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] AEC

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I support reinstating rules that protect Jockeys Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. We need to protect and preserve our natural resources and the Outer Banks community. Alice Colbert Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: John Manzella <manzellajohn@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:19 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockeys Ridge

Sent from my iPhone. I strongly encourage you to maintain CRC rules that designate Jockeys Ridge as a AEC. I have been a homeowner in Nags Head for over 20 years and live within walking distance of this magnificent Ridge. John P Manzella.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Elizabeth Rohe <erohe1@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:24 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge- Keep the AEC Designation

To whom it may concern,

The removal of Jockey's Ridge and properties in its neighboring communities from the AEC designation may likely be the camel peaking its nose under the tent. Put simply, if the CRC loses its authority to designate an AEC for Jockey's Ridge, other distinctive areas in Nags Head, such as the oceanfront, the soundfront, Nags Head Woods, or the area near the fresh pond, might also be at risk of losing their AEC protections.

KEEP THE AEC DESIGNATION!!!

Thank you,

Elizabeth Rohe

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Karen DelVacchio <karennagshead@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:23 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] enviornmental concern areas on the OuterBanks

As a long time resident of Nags Head, I understand how fragile our environment is. There has been a lot of (over)development on the outerbanks in the past 10 years that threatens our environment. The impact of this over building reduces the ability of the environment to absorb high amounts of rain (e.g., tropical storm, hurricane, nor'easters) and the water overflows into the streets and residences. I am a Realtor, so when I ask to "protect our natural areas", I understand that I am impacting my income.

At this point, we really need to make sure that the established and well thought-out rules to protect designated areas as "areas of environmental concern" are adhered to. In that vein, I am requesting that you reinstate rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern. These dunes protect a significant portion of residential Nags Head from sound side flooding and provide a lovely recreational area for both residents and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen DelVacchio
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Nags Head NC 27959

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lynn Burleson <LBurleson@tharringtonsmith.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:59 PM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Lynn Burleson
Subject: [External] Rules Review Committee- Do not remove the AEC rules

Dear Commissioners:

My email is to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park as well as Run Hill, ocean front areas, and other coastal areas that have an AEC in place. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support removal of any AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park or removal of any AEC protection in place for the coastal community.

Friends and neighbors are alarmed that there is even discussion around removal of the AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507. There is no reason to remove these rules. If there is a reason, please send me that information for consideration.

Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and the AEC environmental protection as well as the other areas protected with these rules are crucial to the fragile Outer Banks of North Carolina. These protections were put into place very intentionally years and years ago, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. Further, these rules and protections in place are significant to protect against development. Once even one grain of sand is compromised, the next is only a matter of time.

Let this correspondence reflect my desire that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any AEC protection or rule in place.

Very sincerely,
Lynn P. Burleson
Raleigh, NC

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Bill Riddick <briddick@cspinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:05 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Reinstate rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern.

To Whom it May Concern...

I encourage you to reinstate rules that protect the designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern.

Thanks very much.... Biil Riddick

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Robert Hosford <rob.hosford@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:58 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge: AEC Designation

Dear Commissioners:

As a property owner, I am emailing to voice my support of keeping the current Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern Jockey's Ridge State Park, and the surrounding area, are of grave concern. I do not support any removal of the AEC at Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection. This was done intentionally, and should remain in place to protect this natural resource. It is further crucial that the rules and regulations that ensure sand migrating off the state property, stay in place. The other rules and protections in place are significant as well. There is no reason to remove these, please have this correspondence show the Rules Review Commission that I insist that the AEC stay in place! I'm against any removal of any protection or rule in place.

Furthermore, the AEC designation safeguards the park from undesirable development. These rules have been in place for decades and must stay in place to protect this natural resource. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Robert L Hosford

Chief Executive Office

North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority

Raleigh, NC

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Cell: 919-561-3058

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Audrey Whitlock <ajw@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:46 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge State Park

NC Rules Committee,

Please keep the protection (AEC) in place for Jockey's Ridge State Park and all the wild areas such as Nags Head Woods for the enjoyment for those that appreciate our natural areas and the flora and fauna they preserve. Over development is killing us.

Thank You,
Audrey Whitlock
S Nags Head, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Ray Meekins <rmeekins@seaboardsurveying.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 3:16 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Jockey's Ridge AEC designation

To whom it may concern:
Please keep the rules in place which allow designation of Jockey's Ridge State Park as a CAMA AEC. There is no good reason to change regulations at this time.
Thank you for your consideration,
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lisa Knox Rose <lisa@glenwoodagency.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 12:42 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Rules Review Commission - desire to leave all of the AEC rules remain in place

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on to express our strong support of Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove these rules that govern not only Jockey's Ridge State park, but the surrounding area are of grave concern, and I do not support the decision by the Rules Review Commission.

This Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) is a crucial designation. Without this in place, there is a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation. Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

It is crucial that the regulations that ensure sand migrating off the state property, stay in place with the AEC designation. The other rules and protections in place are significant as well. There is no reason to remove these, and as a tax payer, I'm against any removal of the AEC for Jockey's Ridge State Park, period.

No one should ever be allowed to relocate any sand blown from the dune or the State Park, it should all be returned to the dune. And in no uncertain circumstances should any sand blown from Jockey's Ridge be allowed to be harvested, collected or mined outside the park. In no circumstances should any sand from Jockey's Ridge State Park be made available for private use or commercial sale.

Furthermore, the AEC designation safeguards the park from undesirable development. These rules have been in place for decades and must stay in place to protect this natural resource.

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in North Carolina, is renowned for being home to the tallest sand dune system on the East Coast of the United States. It's designated as an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) due to its unique ecosystem, geological features, and cultural significance. Maintaining its AEC designation is crucial for several reasons:

1. Ecosystem Protection: Jockey's Ridge State Park encompasses a diverse coastal ecosystem, including dune formations, maritime forests, wetlands, and estuarine habitats. Protecting these habitats is essential for

preserving biodiversity and supporting the survival of numerous plant and animal species adapted to these coastal environments.

2. Geological Importance: The dynamic sand dunes of Jockey's Ridge are constantly shifting and evolving due to wind and weather patterns. This geological process is not only fascinating but also critical for coastal geomorphology and understanding the dynamics of barrier islands. Maintaining the AEC designation helps protect these unique geological formations and the processes that shape them.

3. Cultural Heritage: Jockey's Ridge has cultural significance for the local community and visitors alike. It has been used for centuries by indigenous peoples and later became a landmark for early European settlers. Today, it serves as a recreational area for activities such as hang gliding, kite flying, and nature observation. Preserving its AEC designation ensures that the cultural heritage associated with the park is protected and maintained for future generations.

4. Tourism and Recreation: Jockey's Ridge State Park is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors from around the world who come to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Maintaining its AEC designation helps ensure that the park remains ecologically intact and provides sustainable recreational experiences for visitors while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

5. Coastal Resilience: As a coastal area, Jockey's Ridge State Park is vulnerable to various environmental threats, including erosion, sea-level rise, and storm surges. Protecting it as an AEC helps enhance the park's resilience to these challenges by preserving natural buffers, such as dune systems and wetlands, that help mitigate coastal hazards and provide valuable ecosystem services.

In conclusion, maintaining Jockey's Ridge State Park's designation as an Area of Environmental Concern is essential for protecting its unique ecosystems, geological features, cultural heritage, and recreational value, while also promoting resilience in the face of coastal environmental challenges.

Overall, removing the AEC designation from Jockey's Ridge State Park could have far-reaching negative impacts on its ecological integrity, cultural significance, economic value, and resilience to natural hazards. It's essential to maintain protective measures to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of this unique coastal ecosystem.

Thanks so much!

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Amy Wood <wood@outerbanks.org>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2024 11:05 AM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Dare County Tourism Board/Outer Banks Visitors Bureau Letter of Support
Attachments: NCRRC DCTB Support for AEC Status Jockeys Ridge .pdf

Hello-
Please find attached a letter of support from the Dare County Tourism Board and Outer Banks Visitors Bureau regarding the readoption of the AEC for Jockey's Ridge.
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you,
Amy

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North Carolina Regulatory Rules Commission

March 29, 2024

Dear Commissioners:

The Dare County Tourism Board, on behalf of the Friends of Jockey's Ridge, strongly supports the readoption of Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. The recent decision by the Rules Review Commission to potentially remove this crucial designation poses a significant threat to the environmental integrity and long-term well-being of this unique coastal geologic formation.

Jockey's Ridge holds immense ecological, scientific, and cultural significance, making it a vital treasure that requires thoughtful preservation measures. The AEC designation, as outlined in 15A NCAC 07H .0507, acknowledges Jockey's Ridge as a unique coastal geologic formation and places it under environmental protection, emphasizing the importance of preventing uncontrolled or incompatible development that could jeopardize its irreplaceable features.

The benefits and protections offered by the AEC designation are indispensable for the preservation of Jockey's Ridge. One such advantage is the regulation that ensures sand migrating off the state property is replenished on the dune, maintaining its volume and preventing relocation or commercial sale. Furthermore, the AEC designation not only safeguards the park from undesirable development but also brings national attention, as evidenced by its listing on the National Park Service website.

During the recent public meeting held by the Coastal Resources Commission, Nags Head Mayor Ben Cahoon highlighted the urgency of the situation. An AEC requires a closer examination of proposed activities and intervention, providing time to consider the consequences of actions that could impact this environmental treasure. The national recognition garnered through the AEC designation further enhances the visibility of Jockey's Ridge, attracting over a half million visitors each year from across the country.

We understand the complexities surrounding the Rules Review Commission's actions and the challenges posed by changes in legislative law. However, we firmly believe that the reinstatement of the AEC status is crucial for the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge. It is our collective responsibility to preserve this natural landmark for future generations and ensure that it remains accessible for scientific, educational, and recreational purposes.

In conclusion, we urge the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission to act swiftly and decisively in support of the readoption of AEC status for Jockey's Ridge State Park. Your commitment to preserving this unique coastal geologic formation is paramount in maintaining the ecological balance and cultural significance that Jockey's Ridge holds for the community and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the continued protection of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Sincerely,

Monica Thibodeau, Chair
Dare County Tourism Board

Lee Nettles, Executive Director
Outer Banks Visitors Bureau

Burgos, Alexander N

From: kingstondp@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:43 AM
To: rrc.comments
Cc: Kevin Lingard; Brenda Chasen; Monica Thibodeau; Sandy Whitman; DONALD KINGSTON; Havens, Drew; Ben Cahoon
Subject: [External] Rules Review Commission
Attachments: 24-02 Supporting CRC Temporary Rules Resolution.pdf

To: The Regulatory Rules Commission

I understand that the Commission, at a Special Meeting on April 9, 2024, will consider reinstating rules essential to protect areas of environmental concern such as Jockey's Ridge and numerous other fragile areas. The Town Council of the Town of Duck, at their meeting on February 21, 2024, adopted the attached Resolution supporting temporary rules and we urge the Commission to make the re-adoption of these rules permanent.

I thank you, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Duck for your service and attention to continuing to protect our treasured natural environment.

Sincerely,

Don Kingston, Mayor

Town of Duck

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING THE COASTAL RESOURCE COMMISSION'S TEMPORARY RULES

Resolution No. 24-02

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) was enacted in 1974 to protect its coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, in addition to CAMA, the State established the North Carolina Coastal Management Program to ensure that all coastal issues are addressed by the State in a coordinated fashion; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's objective in developing a coastal management program is to establish a comprehensive, coordinated approach for the protection, preservation, and orderly development of the State's coastal resources. The management program is primarily based on the legislative authorities contained in CAMA that established the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) as a regional resource management body; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has historically applied a two-tiered approach to managing coastal resources through designations of Areas of Environmental Concern alongside management and coordination with State authorities and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Rules Review Commission (RRC) voted to return 30 long-standing rules to the CRC on October 5, 2023 following the adoption of Session Law 2023-134. As a result, the Codifier removed these rules from the Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the CRC and RRC are currently in litigation to resolve the dispute over these rules; and

WHEREAS, the CRC held a specially called meeting on December 13, 2023 to consider emergency and temporary rules as a means to reinstate these nullified rules in the NC Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the CRC developed 16 proposed temporary rules (07H .0507, .0508, .0509, 07I .0702, 07J .0203, .0204, .0206, .0207, .0208, 07M .0401, .0402, .0403, .0701, .0703, .0704 and .1101) critical to day-to-day administration of the North Carolina Coastal Management Program in response to the RRC decision and ongoing litigation. While these rules are not new, the CRC included amendments that address RRC objections. The amendments focus on what the RRC considered to be vague and ambiguous language and clarified procedures, definitions and citations addressing statutory authority. These amendments impose no additional requirements on the regulated community as these are rules that were already in existence as of October 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CRC held public hearings on January 9 and 10, 2024 to accept comments on the proposed temporary rules; and

WHEREAS, the CRC has extended the public comment period on the proposed temporary rules until February 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed temporary rules are necessary under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). The loss of these rules could trigger a re-review of North Carolina's CAMA program which could potentially result in the loss of federal benefits, such as those utilized for beach nourishment projects; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Resource management rules are necessary to protect valuable state resources. This includes 'unique geologic formations' and 'significant coastal archeological resources' that protect heritage sites such as Jockey's Ridge and Permuda Island; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Resource management rules are necessary for the evaluation and issuance of CAMA permit applications. Loss of these rules could impact local governments' ability to collect permit fees and process permit applications in a legally defensible manner. Not only would this create confusion and inconsistency within permitting, but applicants would also be required to seek separate individual permits from the USACE, instead of streamlined joint permits through the Division of Coastal Management.

WHEREAS, the Coastal Resource management rules create and explain necessary policies. Without these rules in place, the state may not be able to engage in consistency determinations, impacting their ability to govern beneficial use of dredged materials; and

WHEREAS, the entire CAMA permitting and implementation system could fail without these Coastal Resource management rules; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these Coastal Resource management rules jeopardizes North Carolina's ability to avail itself of federal consistency review privileges and federal funding under the CZMA that depend upon NOAA's approval of the State's coastal management program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, that the Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for the implementation of the proposed Coastal Resource management temporary rules 07H .0507, .0508, .0509, 07I .0702, 07J .0203, .0204, .0206, .0207, .0208, 07M .0401, .0402, .0403, .0701, .0703, .0704 and .1101; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby implores the CRC to adopt and implement these temporary rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby implores the North Carolina Rules Review Commission to revisit their decision to nullify long-standing rules affecting the management of our coastal resources.

Adopted this 21st Day of February, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

TOWN of DUCK
NORTH CAROLINA