

MEMORANDUM

To: Courtney Spears
From: Michael Christenbury, Wilmington District Planner 
Subject: Consistency Determination, Major Permit Application, NC State Ports Authority, Wilmington, New Hanover County
Date: November 30, 2018

Consistency Determination:

This project is consistent and not in conflict with the 2016 New Hanover County Comprehensive Land Use Plan update.

The applicant proposes a Major-Modification to State Permit No. 47-87 to allow for the removal of an existing wooden pier, installation of a toe wall, and new dredging in the turning basin in the Cape Fear River. The project is located at the State Port in Wilmington, New Hanover County.

Areas of Environmental Concern (AEC's) impacted by the proposal are ES, EW, CW, PNA and PTA. Waters at the project site are classified as SC and are not open to the harvesting of shellfish. The area is a Primary Nursery Area (no resources).

I have reviewed this proposal for consistency with the 2016 New Hanover County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and offer the following comments.

The general area of the project is classified as Resource Protection while the AECs impacted by the work are classified as Conservation/Developed.

In general, New Hanover County allows development in conservation/developed classified AECs, which is consistent with the State's minimum use standards. The 2016 New Hanover County Land Use Plan contains some policies, which exceed the State's minimum use standards. However, none of these standards appear to be applicable to this proposal.

This project is consistent with the 2016 New Hanover County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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