



# NoPort News

A newsletter of the North Carolina International Terminal

*All the news that prints to fit.*

April 1, 2009

## ***Tax Status***

NoPort Southport NC, Inc. has received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and the organization is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests and gifts.

The effective date of the exemption is June 6, 2008, so donations already made can be deducted. As can new donations, which would be welcome.

## ***P.O.R.T.S. Contest***

The Public Options Regarding Terminal Site Contest starts today, and closes June 15. NoPort Southport NC, Inc., invites all members of the public—especially students—to propose alternate uses for the 600-acre site on the Cape Fear River intended to be despoiled by the NC State Ports Authority for a container terminal. Entries should describe a use that would provide economic enhancement for the region without environmental degradation.

The contest entry form and details are on the Web site at [www.noportsouthport.org](http://www.noportsouthport.org).

## ***Channel Reconnaissance Study***

Congress has appropriated \$96,000 for the US Army Corps of Engineers to commence a reconnaissance study of the new channel that would be necessary in the Cape Fear River for the vessels intended to be accommodated at the proposed container terminal. The study would provide a preliminary analysis of the economic feasibility and identify environmental issues, in order for the Corps to determine whether there is a Federal interest in proceeding with the project. An affirmative finding would lead to a more comprehensive study.

Corps regulations provide for public participation. NoPort Southport urges local governments, environmental agencies, and citizen environmental groups to be actively involved. Contact Sharon Haggett at the Corps: [Sharon.F.Haggett@saw02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Sharon.F.Haggett@saw02.usace.army.mil).

## ***Coming Up***

April 9. Southport City Council meeting. 7:00 p.m., City Hall

April 20. Breakfast with your Legislators. 8:00 a.m. UNCW, Wilmington

April 22. Earth Day. Coastal Water Watch. 7:00 p.m. Brunswick Electric, Supply.

April 23. NPSP presentation. 6:30 p.m. Oak Island Recreation Center

April 29-30. NC State Ports Authority Board of Directors meeting. Morehead City.

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