



NoPort News

A newsletter of the North Carolina International Terminal

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Environmental Panel

On June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Southport Community Building, NoPort Southport NC, Inc., will be hosting a panel discussion of the environmental impacts of the container terminal proposed for the Cape Fear River at Southport. Three environmental experts have agreed to appear and make short presentations, and then be available for questions and discussion:

- Mike Giles, Coastkeeper for the North Carolina Coastal Federation. His topic will be “*Sustainable Coastal Resources and the Proposed Port: Is this Possible?*”
- Dr. Michael Mallin, research professor in the Center for Marine Science at University of North Carolina Wilmington. His topic will be: “*The ecological issues that need to be addressed before proceeding with permitting or construction of a new container port on the Cape Fear estuary.*”
- Dr. Randy Westbrook, invasive species specialist with the National Wetlands Research Center. His topic will be “*Strategies for Protecting the Lower Cape Fear from Invasive Species.*”

These experts are not affiliated with NoPort Southport NC, Inc., and have agreed to appear with the understanding that they have not taken a position for or against the container port.

P.O.R.T.S. Contest

Entries for the *Public Options Regarding Terminal Site* contest, to find an alternate use for the 600-acre site on the Cape Fear River intended to be despoiled by the NC State Ports Authority for a container terminal, close June 15. The entry form and details are on the Web site at www.noportsouthport.org.

Winners will be announced on June 25 at the Southport Community Building after the environmental panel discussion.

Corps of Engineers Reconnaissance Study

The Corps of Engineers study to determine whether there is a “federal interest” in dredging a new channel in the Cape Fear River for the proposed container terminal is due to start this month. The Corps has announced that funds are available to begin the study in this fiscal year, but that funds to complete the project in the next fiscal year are not in the budget.

We encourage interested groups, government agencies and municipalities to monitor the study. The project manager is Debra Willis, debra.k.willis@usace.army.mil.

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