



# NoPort News

A newsletter opposed to the North Carolina International Terminal

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## **IMPORTANT MEETING TO OPPOSE THE MEGA PORT!**

Please read the information below regarding the North Carolina Maritime Study public meeting at the Community Center in St. James on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 pm...See "When and Where" below. It is important for all concerned residents to get involved and attend this meeting

A recently published Maritime Study report, commissioned by the NC Dept. of Transportation & the State Ports Authority, on 6 potential port sites on our coast indicates, unfortunately, that Southport is near the top for a future deepwater mega port. Should Southport be chosen, then all those living in this region will feel the negative impacts. Everyone living in Brunswick County will be affected by loss of tourism dollars, massive road & rail traffic, health related issues from toxic air pollution, lower home values, higher crime rates, and higher taxes to name a few. Click this link and open the Maritime Study report. Read the report and prepare yourself for the upcoming meeting. Good questions and statements of non-support will be crucial if we the public are to influence the decision-makers

[http://files.www.ncmaritimestudy.com/outreach/NC Maritime AC Meeting 2011-11-09 with notes.pdf](http://files.www.ncmaritimestudy.com/outreach/NC%20Maritime%20AC%20Meeting%202011-11-09%20with%20notes.pdf)

### **WHEN AND WHERE**

**Tuesday, December 13:**

St. James Community Center, 4136 Southport-Supply Road SE, St. James, NC 28461

**Wednesday, December 14:**

Coastline Convention and Event Center, 503 Nutt Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

**Thursday, December 15:**

Crystal Coast Civic Center (Carteret Community College), 3505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557

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### **HOW IT WILL WORK**

4:00pm–6:00pm: Open House: NCDOT staff and consultants working on this study will be on hand to answer questions, provide information and hear your thoughts. There will be multiple stations displaying the information gathered thus far.

6:00pm–8:00pm: Public Comment Period: After a short presentation, participants may stand and make brief verbal comments. There will also be a station set up so that written comments can be received.

Please visit the project website at [www.ncmaritimestudy.com](http://www.ncmaritimestudy.com) to learn more about the Maritime Strategy project

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