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## **News Release**

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### **DREDGING TO CAUSE CLOSURE TO AREAS OF FREEMAN PARK**

**CAROLINA BEACH, NC** – The US Army Corps of Engineers will begin dredging in the Intercostal Waterway and Carolina Beach Inlet Crossing areas beginning the first week of April and continue through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Their contractor will start placing dredge pipe from the crossing on Freeman Park south to Zone 10, and due to the small travel lane between Zone 10 and Zone 19, there will be no room for additional vehicular traffic. Therefore, the beach area and campsites north of Zone 10 will be closed during that time.

The actual dredging will only take a couple of weeks, and the dredge spoils will be placed south of Zone 10 going towards the pier. The Corps will not allow sand to be placed between Zone 10 and Zone 19 at the pinch point due to the close proximity of the inlet. It is their belief that any sand placed in this area will immediately be transported by the currents into the inlet and defeat the purpose of the dredging.

During the project, the contractor will close other portions of Freeman Park where the spoils are being deposited for the safety of the public. As soon as the project is complete and the equipment is removed we will re-open the north end of Freeman Park.

Please contact the Town Manager's office if you have any questions.