

## INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDER MEETING RECORD

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**STAKEHOLDER GROUP:** Yes Port NC

**DATE:** July 21, 2011

**LOCATION:** ILA Local 1838 building Southport, NC

**PARTICIPANTS:** See attached sign in list

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The Maritime Strategy team met with Yes Port NC on July 21, 2011 from approximately 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Maritime Study and receive input from Yes Port NC; however, there was substantial input from representatives of Save the Cape and No Port Southport.

Concerns raised by NoPort Southport and Save the Cape:

- Negatives of deepwater port should be studied as well.
- Cost versus returns to North Carolina in light of \$4.4 billion investment proposed [based on NCIT studies]
- Business plan and understanding of return on investment (ROI) is needed
- Proceed only if there is a private partner
- US Army Corps of Engineers must be engaged in effort
- Port site near nuclear plant and munitions station – creates safety and security concerns
- Aquifer impacts.

YesPort presentation and input:

- Support for a Port of the Future – a new containerport is needed to support the North Carolina economy
- New development in Southport would avoid environmental impacts of dredging to Wilmington
- YesPort: 10 counties, 5 cities, 3 organizations signed on supporting port opportunity for many other resolutions and supporters.
- YesPort organization includes 13,336 contributing members, 179 corporate contributing members, 1,016 local contributing members.
- Goal is to educate NC on needs of port.
- Ports do not have the negative impacts claimed by opponents -- Go to downtown Wilmington and see if you can hear the port.
- Propose new four-lane highway service to NCIT site – US 17 to NCIT site; less impact versus widening NC 87. A business park could locate on new highway.
- Environmental condition of Cape Fear should not be blamed on port operations or dredging, but is largely due to agricultural runoff and development
- Investments should also support military needs

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