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### Second Oceanfront Home Relocated

The east end oceanfront cottage, "Sea Side," at Ocean Isle Beach, literally had the sea on all sides during the New Year's Day storm. On Monday a Milligan House Movers crew skated the house to the street for relocation Tuesday to a Second Street lot just several hundred feet from the Browning cottage, which was moved earlier. Building Inspector Druid Roberson said

these are the only two oceanfront cottages to his knowledge that had to be moved after the owners were unable to get permits to build new septic tanks on their lots because of erosion. Both had been repeatedly threatened by the encroaching ocean for several years, and if the houses were to be saved, said Roberson, "something needed to be done anyway."

## Management Change Is Focus Of CRC Meet

(Continued From Page 1-A) inadequate data, and (2) state agencies are thereby frustrated in their efforts to protect public resources while permitting responsible development of coastal property.

In addressing these problems, the two main components of the legislation authorize the public health agency to determine areas to be closed to shellfishing, and recognize in water classifications the areas where harvest has been eliminated or restricted. "Let's evaluate what's irretrievably lost and re-classify," is the way McLawhorn put it.

The bill doesn't relax existing safeguards; rather, it strengthens protections, authorizing civil penalties against operators of polluting marinas, for example.

A variety of simultaneous programs will be undertaken, if the bill should be introduced and passed, McLawhorn said. Long-range, the state will undertake a multi-million dollar program to improve fisheries resources and clean up problem areas that can be rehabilitated. This will include a fish hatchery, extensive relocation of polluted shellfish and new research to stimulate recreational and commercial activities.

The Environmental Management Commission will develop a new water classification system with additional categories, and will examine basin-wide programs necessary to assure acceptable water quality in coastal waters.

Meanwhile, the Marine Fisheries Commission will inventory marine and estuarine resources that will be applied by EMC to assign its

classifications. Money will be provided EMC, also, to further research and refine regulations that protect against harmful stormwater runoff.

The NCRD secretary will utilize a new grant program to help local governments clean up existing polluted areas.

The funding bill provides a total of \$13.6 million to implement the provisions of the new act. Of this, \$2.1 million goes to marine fisheries for resource inventory, establishment of the hatchery, shellfish planting, and research.

NCRD would get \$10.4 million to replace a technical services facility and establish a cost-share program for restoration of shellfish resources to an acceptable quality.

To DEM would go \$1.1 million for studies leading to water reclassification and urban runoff studies leading to basin-wide management.

Another \$25,000 would be allocated to the Coastal Water Quality Studies Committee for its expenses.

McLawhorn stressed that the draft bills were not endorsed by anyone, but are in a developmental stage. He asked CRC members for written comments before final drafts are completed April 3.

#### Land Use Plans

Two Brunswick County land use plans gained quick approval by the CRC.

The final update of the land use plan prepared by Ocean Isle Beach was certified, after a revision was requested to include discussion of estuarine islands and hurricane reconstruction.

The preliminary plan for Sunset Beach was approved, with the note

that "minimal additional work is needed to finalize this plan." The update was originally submitted in 1984-85, but because of several problems with it, a consultant was hired to revise it.

**Short Re-Appointed**  
Rosetta Short was re-appointed to a two-year term on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, where she has served since her first appointment in 1976. She is a municipal appointee and was one of 11 named last week to the 47-member council.

**New Rules**  
Revision of several procedural rules were approved by the full CRC on recommendation of its Implementation and Standards Committee.

They include a marina policy that points to marinas as potential sources for shellfish contamination. Therefore, actual and potential contamination in any marina waters will result in automatic recommendation for closing those waters to shellfishing. Waters beyond the marina will also be closed, the distance based on the number of slips. A minimum prohibition is 100 feet for 10 to 25 slips.

Tomlinson said of this policy, "I'm an outspoken critic of the practice of blaming marinas for pollution. Ocean freighters passing through Brunswick County put more pollution in our waters than all the pleasure boaters and marinas, and who is their watchdog?"

Allison Hughes, owner of Hughes Marina in Shallotte, said the new

policy is no change from current practice in county marinas. "We've had our waters closed up to 100 feet for at least the past year," she said.

The rule changes also include an exemption from Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) requirements for maintenance, repair, and construction of private bulkheads and placement of riprap along shorelines, as well as pier and mooring facilities construction.

Other rules approved prohibit any development that might pollute waters in an area of environmental concern (AEC) where shellfishing is an existing use.

Copies of proposed revisions to the beach access guidelines were submitted to CRC members for written comment by Julie Shambaugh, DCM beach access program coordinator. They dealt primarily with standards for locating beach accessways and user fees by means of parking meters.



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## Hearing Set For Juvenile

BY ETTA SMITH

A 15-year-old youth who drove a truck through a Leland apartment, killing one man and injuring two others, faces a probable cause hearing April 17 to determine if he will be tried as an adult.

If probable cause is found he could face a charge of first-degree murder, according to District Attorney Mike Easley.

The youth is being held in the Lower Cape Fear Juvenile Detention Center in Wilmington until the next juvenile court session.

Easley said two criteria must be met before the youth could be tried as an adult: he would have to be at least 15 years old and Easley would have to be satisfied that justice would not be served if the youth were tried as a juvenile.

"His maturity, past record and the seriousness of the crime are taken into consideration also," said Easley.

The D.A. would not discuss what petitions (charges) have been filed against the youth.

On March 24, William Guy Bendurant II, 21, of Wilmington, was killed when the youth drove a truck through an apartment he was visiting.

The apartment was rented by brothers James and Ricky Wagoner. According to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Jeremlah Dove, several members of a group of home computer users had met at the apartment prior to the incident. The Shasta Apartments duplex is located off of Mt. Misery Road in Leland.

James Wagoner, 30, and a neighbor, Brenda Smith, 19, were both inside the apartment when the incident occurred. Both were slightly injured.

The youth who drove the truck was uninjured. His pickup truck was totaled.

## Democrats Meet Saturday

Brunswick County Democrats will elect new officers at their annual meeting Saturday, April 4.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. in the public assembly building at the Brunswick County Government Center, said Chairman Rex Gore. "We're hoping for a good turnout. This meeting is vital since we will be picking a new chairman."

Gore does not plan to seek reelection.

Officers elected Saturday will

serve two-year terms. Members will also be elected to the State Executive Committee and proposals from the local precincts will be considered.

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m., Shallotte Precinct will hold its organizational meeting at the Shallotte fire station on Wall Street. Also, any other precinct which has not organized yet for the coming is to do so before the meeting Saturday. Only organized precincts are allowed to vote at the convention.

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