



## Resolution

### Opposing Herbert C. Bonner Bridge Debris Disposal Permit Modification

**WHEREAS**, Herbert C. Bonner (May 16, 1891 – November 7, 1965) was a U.S. Congressman from North Carolina between 1940 and 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Bonner was instrumental in changing the name of Cape Hatteras National Seashore by the U.S. Congress to *Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area*, to accommodate hunting and fishing interests, which at that time was unique for National Park Service managed entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Bonner considered the Bonner Bridge and its importance to the citizens of Dare County and Hatteras Island to be one of the biggest achievements of his lengthy career in Congress.; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Herbert C. Bonner Bridge* is being dismantled after the *Marc Basnight Bridge* was opened for traffic spanning Oregon Inlet; and

**WHEREAS**, the demolition permit, agreed upon by all parties, required the *Bonner Bridge* demolition material to be shipped to four offshore reef sites near Oregon Inlet, that were designated as disposal sites for all acceptable demolition debris; and

**WHEREAS**, the artificial reef designated as Reef No. 160, located south of Oregon Inlet, will receive 55 percent of the material and each of the remaining three reefs near Oregon Inlet, designated as Reef Nos. 130, 140 and 145, all northeast of the Oregon Inlet, will each receive 15 percent of the material; and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance of the only four artificial reefs off Dare County shores has been lacking for many years; and

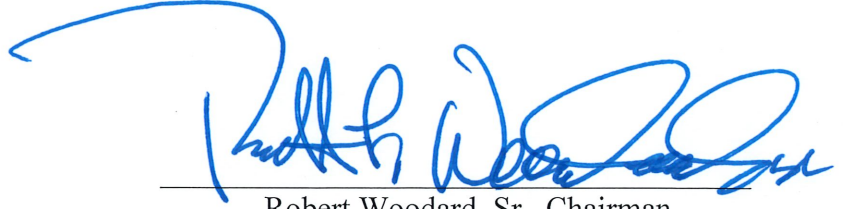
**WHEREAS**, artificial reefs provide necessary and vital structure, critical to the recreational and commercial fishing industries in Dare County, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has requested a modification of the disposal permit to include approximately 29,000 tons of the *Bonner Bridge* debris to artificial reef sites in Carteret County, notwithstanding the longstanding need for reef material on the reefs near Oregon Inlet and to the detriment of recreational and commercial fishing off Oregon Inlet.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners strongly oppose the permit modification to allow the placement of Bonner Bridge demolition materials in areas other than those designated in the original permit.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



  
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Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman

Attest:   
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Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk to the Board