

September 28, 2005

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RE: Post-*Ophelia* Beach Changes [CSE 2202]

Dear Rudi,

We have completed a post-*Ophelia* survey of Bogue Banks (16-18 September) as per our proposal to your office dated 15 September. *Ophelia* impacted Bogue Banks on 13-14 September before moving through the area. This letter summarizes our findings.

Work Accomplished

CSE mobilized a field team (Philip McKee and Doug Dusini) to Bogue Banks on 15 September and re-occupied 40 profile lines. All 40 lines were surveyed from the foredune to approximate low tide. A total of 34 lines were surveyed out to (~)-30 feet (ft) NGVD or greater. Methods were as described in our proposal.

In general, CSE surveyed every fifth line (ie, 15, 20, 25, etc) previously established along Bogue Banks, plus selected intermediate lines in nourished sections. Offshore data could not be obtained in the time available along eastern Atlantic Beach and Fort Macon State Park.

Profiles were analyzed using five “lenses” and reaches previously identified. Post-*Ophelia* data were compared with CSE’s May 2005 survey. Changes in unit volume were calculated for standard lenses used by CSE in previous work for the CCSPO. Inspections of the May-September profiles showed closure around the -18 ft NGVD contour. Therefore, an outer lens encompassing -11 to -18 ft NGVD was analyzed for the present survey. The primary volume calculation lenses are as follows:

<u>Dune</u>	Crest of dune to toe of dune (at +9 ft NGVD)
<u>Dry Beach</u>	+9 ft to +2 ft NGVD
<u>Wet Beach</u>	+2 ft to -4 ft NGVD
<u>Inshore to Bar</u>	-4 ft to -11ft NGVD
<u>Offshore</u>	-11 ft to -18 ft NGVD



Typical Response

Figure A shows a typical profile comparison for Pine Knoll Shores. The primary response of the beach during *Ophelia* was profile adjustment with little change in the foredune, modest erosion of the dry beach and inshore zone, and accretion in the offshore zone (-11 ft to -18 ft NGVD). Line 58 at Pine Knoll Shores shows loss of sand along the dry beach (+9 ft to +2 ft) and little change along the wet beach (+2 ft to -4 ft). The outer bar eroded and shifted seaward of the -10 ft contour, leaving a lower crest elevation. While line 58 is typical, there were variations in the profile response from station to station, which are reflected in the volume change results.

Results

Table A gives the unit volumes, unit volume changes and net volume changes between survey lines for available post-storm profiles. Results are grouped by lenses as defined above, by community, and by subreach within communities (highlighted cells to separate subreaches). Because of missing offshore data at Atlantic Beach, that community was subdivided into east and west reaches. [Note: The dividing line for subreaches is based on nearest available profile to previously defined subreaches.] Table A can be used to identify specific areas with highest sand losses. The rate of loss is most accurately reflected in the unit volume change rather than net volume change because of variations in distances between survey lines.

Table B summarizes the results by community and by calculation lens. As Table B shows, there was relatively little sand loss in the foredunes. Pine Knoll Shores and Atlantic Beach accounted for all the dune losses. The dry beach along Bogue Banks lost nearly 500,000 cy (~3.9 cy/ft) between May and post-*Ophelia*. The intertidal zone (wet beach) exhibited variable responses from community to community with losses averaging ~1–1.5 cy/ft in Emerald Isle, Indian Beach, and Atlantic Beach. In contrast, Pine Knoll Shores accreted by ~5 cy/ft along the wet beach. Erosion between the low tide line and the outer bar ranged from ~7 cy/ft along Emerald Isle and Pine Knoll Shores to 13 cy/ft along eastern Atlantic Beach and ~19 cy/ft along Indian Beach. Seaward of the bar, all communities gained ~10–14 cy/ft in the offshore zone.

Table C provides a further breakdown of volume changes by subreach. In this case, Atlantic Beach East and Fort Macon State Park are excluded from the totals because of missing offshore data. The results show losses between the foredune and wet beach (primary recreational area) totaling nearly 500,000 cy, with Emerald Isle-West (EI-W) accounting for ~94,000 cy and Atlantic Beach-West (AB-W) losing ~115,000 cy. [Both of these reaches were nourished in winter-spring 2005.] When considered to -11 ft NGVD, the depth limit on which the original county nourishment plan was based (CSE Baird–Stroud 1999), *Ophelia* losses totaled ~1,500,000 cy. Losses above -11 ft totaled



~580,000 cy along Emerald Isle, ~300,000 cy along Indian Beach/Salter Path, ~240,000 cy along Pine Knoll Shores, and over 330,000 cy along Atlantic Beach.

Losses to -11 ft were nearly matched by gains in the offshore zone (totaling ~1,400,000 cy). The net changes from the foredune to offshore (-18 ft) between Bogue Inlet and AB-W were remarkably low, totaling only ~42,000 cy (0.4 cy/ft). Variations in net volume loss occurred from subreach to subreach when integrated from the foredune to -18 ft NGVD. AB-W showed the greatest overall sand loss (~155,000 cy, or ~10.7 cy/ft). Indian Beach/Salter Path lost ~ 119,000 cy (~9.2 cy/ft). Emerald Isle East lost ~ 74,000 cy (~6.3 cy/ft).

Final Note

The present survey and analyses were budget-limited and as per CSE's proposal, time has not permitted a detailed reporting of results. These poststorm data are significant because they provide one of the few comprehensive poststorm surveys available, which documents profile adjustment into deep water. CSE expects this data set to be useful to future researchers in their efforts to model beach response to storms. The full data set will be submitted with CSE's Year 2 monitoring report (expected completion in October).

On behalf of CSE, thank you for the opportunity to perform the survey and submit these results. Please contact Doug Dusini or me if you have any questions about our calculations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy W Kana".

Timothy W Kana PhD
President

Enclosures

cc: Town of Emerald Isle, Frank Rush
Town of Indian Beach, Buck Fugate
Town of Pine Knoll Shores, Betty Carr
Town of Atlantic Beach, Eddie Dawkins
Fort Macon State Park, Jody Merritt
Bill Forman
Doug Dusini
Philip McKee

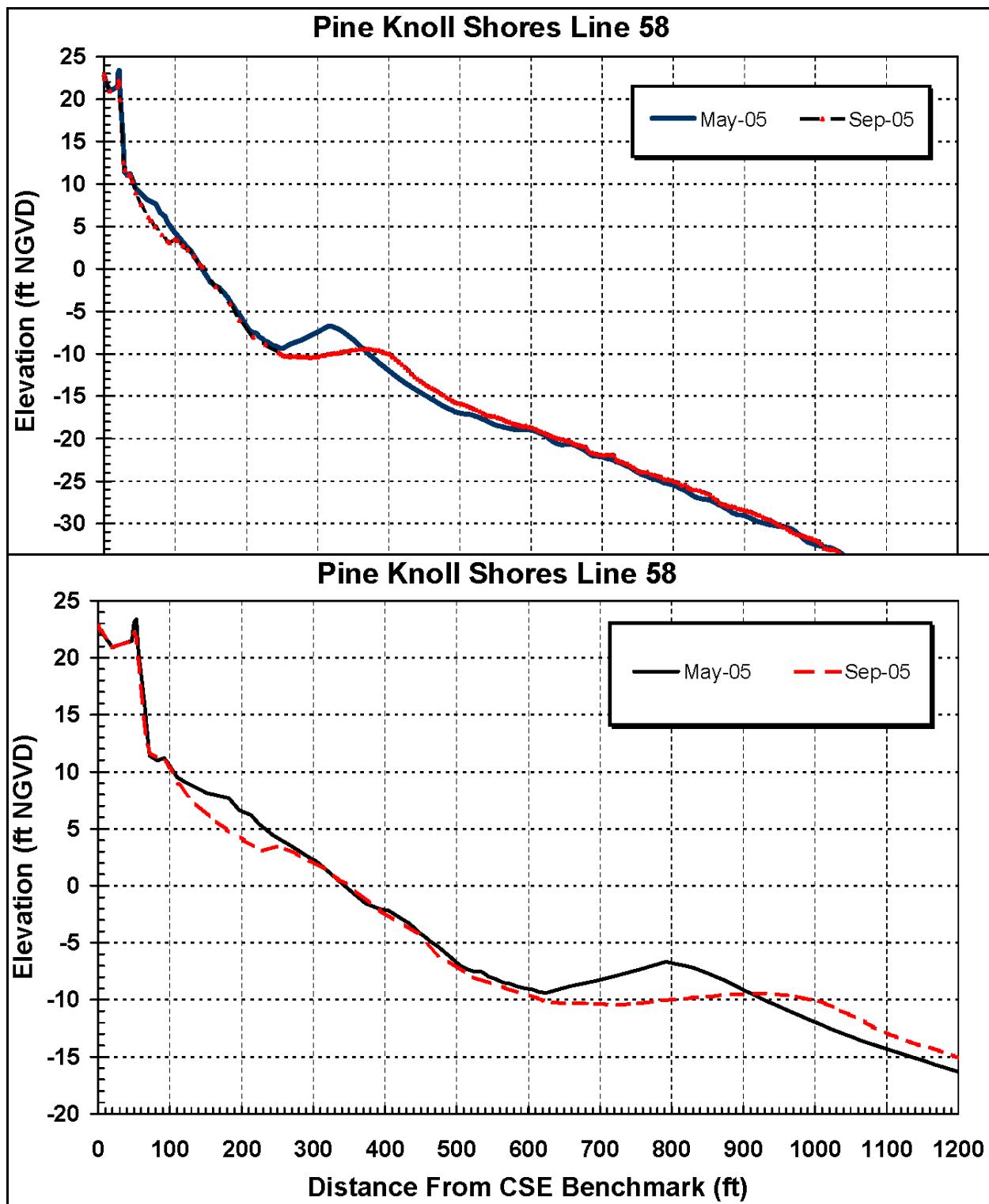


FIGURE A.

TABLE A. Bogue Banks - Post Ophelia Survey 16-18 September

CSE (McKee/Dusin)

Reaches by Community Sub-reaches highlighted.

Bogue Banks - Post Ophelia September 2005, Top of dune to -9 ft NCVD												Bogue Banks - Post Ophelia September 2005, -9 ft to -2 ft NCVD												Bogue Banks - Post Ophelia September 2005, -2 ft to -4 ft NCVD											
STA	Distance to Next (ft)			Offset (ft) Cutoff (ft)			May 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			May 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			May 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			May 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)			Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cft/ft)							
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5	1,350	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	-1,067	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
9	1,429	155	20,610	20,23	-0.37	-375	9	1,249	155	6,530	6,488	56,50	-6,98	-6,843	9	1,249	155	56,50	-6,98	-6,843	5	1,068	0	0	5	5,768	0	0	5	5,768	0				
10	1,519	0	6,670	6,67	-0.23	-430	10	1,519	0	31,17	31,17	45,456	-3,98	-4,52	10	1,519	0	69,54	74,05	74,05	10	1,519	0	0	10	1,519	0	0	10	1,519	0				
11	1,620	12,64	12,64	12,04	-0.60	-1,569	11	1,260	0	36,76	41,28	36,76	-4,52	-5,20	11	1,260	0	154,34	144,40	144,40	11	1,260	0	0	11	1,260	0	0	11	1,260	0				
12	2,549	0	28,34	28,34	-1.89	-3,617	12	2,549	0	36,63	42,13	36,63	-5,50	-10,361	12	2,549	0	145,84	144,97	144,97	12	2,549	0	0	12	2,549	0	0	12	2,549	0				
14	1,349	30	8,74	8,74	-0.59	-182	14	1,349	30	36,55	42,03	42,03	-6,08	-6,008	14	1,349	30	13,94	14,47	14,47	14	1,349	30	0	14	1,349	30	0	14	1,349	30				
15	6,986	0	17,09	17,39	-0.32	-1,816	15	6,986	0	49,35	49,23	49,23	-0.12	-2,045	15	6,986	0	77,82	6,49	6,49	15	6,986	0	0	15	6,986	0	0	15	6,986	0				
20	6,074	0	28,09	27,25	-0.84	-2,045	20	6,074	0	42,09	41,37	41,37	-0.72	-8,288	25	7,945	0	15,70	25	25	25	7,945	0	0	25	7,945	0	0	25	7,945	0				
25	7,145	0	10,99	11,15	0.16	5,823	25	7,145	0	40,43	41,43	40,43	-1.60	-21,233	30	7,940	0	80,04	77,87	77,87	30	7,940	0	0	30	7,940	0	0	30	7,940	0				
30	7,340	0	22,32	23,79	0.47	9,75	35	7,340	0	40,21	40,21	40,21	-0.18	-5,683	35	2,572	0	1,500	64,21	64,21	35	2,572	0	0	35	2,572	0	0	35	2,572	0				
35	2,572	0	1,500	7,25	0.03	1,530	37	2,572	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	-0.24	-1,095	37	2,273	150	1,500	67,10	67,10	37	2,273	150	0	37	2,273	150	0	37	2,273	150				
37	2,273	0	10,95	10,95	0.16	4,65	37	2,273	150	30,43	31,18	31,18	-0.75	-592	39	1,066	145	1,066	59,18	59,18	39	1,066	145	0	39	1,066	145	0	39	1,066	145				
39	1,096	145	0.56	0.82	0.26	2,08	39	1,096	145	64,50	66,33	66,33	-0.35	-4,305	40	2,213	0	94,64	91,34	91,34	40	2,213	0	0	40	2,213	0	0	40	2,213	0				
40	2,213	0	19,52	19,64	0.12	-1,173	40	2,213	0	42,06	42,06	42,06	-0.52	-11,777	42	3,288	40	48,66	42	42	42	3,288	40	0	42	3,288	40	0	42	3,288	40				
42	3,288	40	12,50	12,58	0.08	6,644	45	1,097	65	40,28	39,14	39,14	-1.14	-1,47	45	1,097	65	144,91	132,72	132,72	45	1,097	65	0	45	1,097	65	0	45	1,097	65				
45	1,097	65	12,51	18,44	0.13	6,68	46	1,081	0	40,28	40,28	40,28	-0.01	-5,52	46	1,081	0	88,70	91,09	91,09	46	1,081	0	0	46	1,081	0	0	46	1,081	0				
46	0	0	0	16,02	0.08	4,686	47	0	0	40,28	40,28	40,28	-0.47	-12,617	47	132	0	94,50	96,20	96,20	47	132	0	0	47	132	0	0	47	132	0				
57,719	15,94	0	4,686	16,02	0.08	4,686	48	57,719	15,94	4,686	4,686	4,686	-0.09	-5,177	48	1,096	145	1,096	59,19	59,19	48	1,096	145	0	48	1,096	145	0	48	1,096	145				
57,719	0	Indian Beach Salt Marsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
48	2,792	0	45,36	44,94	-0.42	-4,05	48	2,792	0	5,254	5,254	5,254	-2,65	-7,345	50	5,254	0	83,80	83,80	83,80	50	5,254	0	0	50	5,254	0	0	50	5,254	0				
50	2,224	0	41,06	41,19	0.13	1,51	52	3,985	0	43,96	43,73	43,73	-3,17	-8,354	52	3,985	0	15,96	14,205	14,205	52	3,985	0	0	52	3,985	0	0</							

TABLE B. Bogue Banks - Post Ophelia Survey 16-18 September 2005

Bogue Banks- Post Ophelia: September 2005. Top of dune to +9 ft NGVD.					
Reach	Length (ft)	May 2005 Unit Vol (cy/ft)	Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cyft)	May - Sep Unit Vol Change (cy/ft)	May - Sep Net Vol Change (cy)
Emerald Isle	57,919	15.94	16.02	0.08	4,686
Indian Beach/ Salter Path	12,986	35.23	35.19	-0.04	-543
Pine Knoll Shores	23,968	16.76	16.06	-0.70	-16,771
Atlantic Beach	26,321	12.77	12.31	-0.46	-12,020
Fort Macon	7,199	16.87	16.97	0.10	709
	128,392	17.44	17.26	-0.19	-23,939

Bogue Banks- Post Ophelia: September 2005. +9 ft to +2 ft NGVD.					
Reach	Length (ft)	May 2005 Unit Vol (cy/ft)	Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cyft)	May - Sep Unit Vol Change (cy/ft)	May - Sep Net Vol Change (cy)
Emerald Isle	57,919	47.32	45.13	-2.19	-126,719
Indian Beach/ Salter Path	12,986	51.06	47.67	-3.39	-44,045
Pine Knoll Shores	23,968	34.71	27.83	-6.87	-167,541
Atlantic Beach	26,321	55.86	51.00	-4.87	-115,536
Fort Macon	7,199	41.61	36.02	-5.58	-40,178
	128,392	46.77	42.85	-3.92	-494,019

Bogue Banks- Post Ophelia: September 2005. +2 ft to -4 ft NGVD.*					
Reach	Length (ft)	May 2005 Unit Vol (cy/ft)	Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cyft)	May - Sep Unit Vol Change (cy/ft)	May - Sep Net Vol Change (cy)
Emerald Isle	57,919	81.35	79.95	-1.40	-81,206
Indian Beach/ Salter Path	12,986	83.99	83.24	-0.75	-9,691
Pine Knoll Shores	23,968	60.62	65.57	4.95	116,069
Atlantic Beach	14,496	82.52	80.87	-1.65	-23,706
Fort Macon	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	109,368	77.28	77.31	0.04	1,466

Bogue Banks- Post Ophelia: September 2005. -4 ft to -11 ft NGVD.*					
Reach	Length (ft)	May 2005 Unit Vol (cy/ft)	Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cyft)	May - Sep Unit Vol Change (cy/ft)	May - Sep Net Vol Change (cy)
Emerald Isle	57,919	157.37	150.41	-6.96	-403,238
Indian Beach/ Salter Path	12,986	166.43	147.62	-18.82	-244,327
Pine Knoll Shores	23,968	140.35	133.45	-6.90	-171,551
Atlantic Beach	14,496	181.97	168.75	-13.22	-190,983
Fort Macon	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	109,368	157.98	148.79	-9.19	-1,010,099

Bogue Banks- Post Ophelia: September 2005. -11 ft to -18 ft NGVD.*					
Reach	Length (ft)	May 2005 Unit Vol (cy/ft)	Sep 2005 Unit Vol (cyft)	May - Sep Unit Vol Change (cy/ft)	May - Sep Net Vol Change (cy)
Emerald Isle	57,919	290.86	304.50	13.63	789,716
Indian Beach/ Salter Path	12,986	291.39	305.22	13.83	179,553
Pine Knoll Shores	23,968	287.84	298.83	10.99	265,678
Atlantic Beach	14,496	340.64	350.73	10.10	150,806
Fort Macon	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	109,368	296.86	309.47	12.61	1,385,753

* Volumes from +2 to -18 ft NGVD were calculated from lines 1 to 90:

EI, IB/SP, PKS, and 14,496 ft of 26,321 ft AB.

Volumes to +2 ft NGVD were calculated for the entire project length.

