

Appendix B: E-mail Correspondence with BOEM Regarding In-Kind Credit for Offshore Sand
Resource Investigations

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Subject: Re: Offshore Geophysical and Geotechnical Investigations

Thanks Ken,

That is a good assessment of our conversation.
It was a pleasure talking to you today.

We hope that future resource evaluation that BOEM plans to conduct will bring value to all ongoing and future projects.

We will definitely keep the interests of Kitty Hawk and the region in mind as our plans develop.

We appreciate the input and contribution that other federal agencies, states, municipalities, NGO's and the private sector can lend to developing a lasting comprehensive assessment of OCS sand resources. This information is continually being evaluated as we define our scope of work.

If you or Mr. Stockton have any questions, now or in the future please let us know.

Cheers,
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On Tue, Jul 16, 2013 at 1:21 PM, Willson, Kenneth <Kenneth.Willson@cbi.com> wrote:

Jeff,

Thanks again for taking the time to discuss the possibility of North Carolina Town's receiving in-kind credit for work associated with delineating offshore sand resources. I wanted to send the following e-mail to summarize what it is we discussed so that John Stockton and the Town of Kitty Hawk is aware of the situation. Please read through the following points and let me know if I have failed to accurately state your position or if you would like to elaborate on anything particular.

- The scale of the investigations likely to be conducted by the Town of Kitty Hawk to develop offshore borrow sites for a beach fill project would not likely meet the goals for which BOEM hopes achieve. The goal of a sand search conducted by the Town of Kitty Hawk will be specific to the needs of the project; whereas, the goal of investigations to be conducted by BOEM will look to provide the greatest amount of usable information to the greatest number of Federal Agencies (BOEM, NOAA, USGS, USACE, etc.). One specific example we discussed would be geophysical survey coverage. The survey likely to be conducted for the Town of Kitty Hawk's sand search may be restricted to individual target areas identified through research of historic data and conducting an upcoming jet probe surveys. Surveys to be conducted by BOEM would likely try to tie together multiple areas such as specific bathymetric features targeted as sand resources, other bathymetric high features in the region, and the natural contours in between areas in order to formulate a more regional picture. See attached image for a better understanding of this concept.
- In order to have a chance at obtaining in-kind credit for work conducted by the Town of Kitty Hawk, the scope of work should be agreed upon up front. Since BOEM still is not firm on the scope of work that they will be conducting, it is unlikely that the Town of Kitty Hawk could formulate a specific enough scope of work that would satisfy a portion of BOEM's needs in a timely enough fashion to achieve cost-sharing savings available to them through working with the Town of Kill Devil Hills and Duck.
- There is risk that even if the Town were to formulate their scope of work to be eligible for in-kind services, they would only know for certain if they would receive such credit after the survey is complete. The costs associated with expanding the scope of work needed to delineate a sand source for beach nourishment to include all the requirements that BOEM may have to meet the needs of their investigations may be significant.

The take home message seemed to be that if in fact the Town is looking to move forward with a specific beach project, it may not be worth the extra cost needed to be eligible for in-kind credit, especially given the significant risk that no credit would ultimately be provided. As I mentioned, please provide clarification or elaboration on any of the above points if appropriate. We hope to continue discussions with BOEM as they get closer to identifying a clear scope of work and schedule, and perhaps at some point, the Town would realize some cost savings from the work that BOEM will be conducting. If not for the initial beach project, perhaps for subsequent beach fill projects.

Very Kind Regards,

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