

## DISCUSSION RECORD

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**INDUSTRY GROUP:** Maritime Advisory Council

**DATE:** February 17, 2012

**LOCATION:** Raleigh, NC

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### MARITIME ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Suggestion that the Maritime Advisory Council continue to work together
- Request from DOT for written indication that participants would be willing to continue to convene

### MILITARY

- Proposed infrastructure investments would defray logistics costs

### RAIL

- Is infrastructure available to handle Ro/Ro or oversize at POW?
- CSX has double stack, but sometimes insufficient width to move very large loads (a national problem)
- Suggestion that each port needs two railroads
  - Current volumes do not support competitive rail services, NC must first grow volume, then efficiencies will come

### HIGHWAY

- Suggestion for connection to I-20 east of I-95 into 74
- There are highway segments out of State that would improve travel times to NC Ports
  - Study's infrastructure investments are keyed to NC

### PORT

- A current carrier is seeking intermodal service – how can the ports achieve this?
- Suggestion for a 20-car block train from Hamlet to Wilmington as the first step toward full unit train service in the future
- Shared service would also be valuable
  - A carrier which has a contract with NS cannot use POW as NS is denied access
- Cape Fear Skyway bridge is important project to provide access to Port of Wilmington
- Identification of near term investments, such as cranes, suggested

### **SHIPPING LINES**

- Need industry partners to match their operating needs
- Ports with a common vision at both the local and state level is an important factor in the decision making process

### **WOOD PELLETS**

- GA is currently building three facilities
- Several projects in NC are looking for sites – this is a huge potential for NC
- NC Ports currently in discussions with several companies to build a privately operated facility that could serve multiple producers

### **NUCLEAR POWER**

- Seeing a resurgence in the US
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued an operational license to GA for a plant in East Williamsburg
- Potentially several million-ton pieces could come through NC as part of Ro/Ro and Oversize Cargo market

### **BULK FACILITIES**

- Joint facility could have separate silos for different customers/products but shared rail infrastructure and service
- There is a dearth of bulk facilities within NC - these are a necessity for the East Coast
  - Suggestion to build up MHC to fill this need

### **CONTAINERS**

- Suggestion to focus solely on POW for containers

### **DREDGING**

- If the goal is 51' depth, NC needs to begin moving toward that immediately
- Charleston waited and will not begin dredging until 2017 or 2018

### **PLANNING**

- Need to utilize a mixed strategy combining short-term investments at one port, while also concentrating on long-term investments for both
- Port Authority Strategic Plan is currently being updated
  - This will deliver a specific process for implementation over time