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Core Banks Plan Opposition Cited

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MANTEO — The North Carolina Seashore Commission stepped in Friday to discourage the sub-division of property on Core Banks, part of a stretch of the North Carolina coastline that would become a National Seashore Park under a bill now pending in Congress.

The Commission, which aims to protect and develop the State's storm-eroded coast, called on the Carteret County Planning Commission to reject a private development plan of property in the proposed park. The area in question includes a tract of several hundred acres owned by Charles M. Reeves of Sanford.

Sub-division of the property obviously would affect the price the State would have to pay to acquire the land for the park. Frank Turner, State Property

Officer, said the State already has bought up about 75 percent of the 25,000 acres within the proposed park.

"Any sub-division of additional land would affect the purchase price just as the State moves in to buy," he said.

In its first meeting since being given permanent status by the past legislature, the Seashore Commission:

—Had swearing-in ceremonies in the Dare Courthouse for 21 commission members.

—Named representatives to an advisory committee from eight counties that border the coast.

—Heard reports from State and federal agencies on work presently underway to preserve the coast from wind and water erosion.

—Endorsed the establishment

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of ferry service between Ocracoke and Hyde County.

The resolution favoring a ferry as a means of connecting residents of Ocracoke to the rest of the county came after Highway Commissioner Graham Elliott explained that the Highway Commission is seriously considering the ferry service for Ocracoke.

Woodrow Price of Raleigh, chairman of the Seashore Commission, said the group has planned two additional meetings in the near future in other areas on the coast. The purpose of the meetings to be held Jan. 23-24 at Wilmington and Southport will be to give residents of the Southeast section an opportunity to air problems and proposals for preserving the coast.

Residents of the upper coastline at the meeting in Manteo urged the Commission to assume a responsibility for privately-owned land as well as beaches and parks.

Leave Big Gaps.

"Otherwise we will leave big gaps along the coast which are not protected," said David Stick of Kitty Hawk, speaking for the Erosion Control Board formed recently by Dare coastal communities.

Stick told the Commission that erosion on private property is becoming more acute all the time and pointed out that commission members, if they liked, could see several cottages that have started leaning into the sea during the past week.

The oath of office was administered to the Commission and its new executive secretary

and full time director, Roy Wilder of Raleigh, by Superior Court Judge Chester Morris of Currituck.

After the ceremony, Chairman Price announced the appointment of five committees, three of which will coordinate the Commission's work in three coastal areas. Braxton B. Dawson of Washington, N. C. was named chairman of the northeast committee; Harvey Hines of Kinston was named chairman for the central area of the coast; and P. M. Camak of Wilmington was named chairman for the southeast area.

Membership.

Members of the Commission are, in addition to Price and Wilder, Earl Phillips of High Point, Camak of Wilmington, George Cherry of Pictolus, William M. Cochrane of Washington, D. C., Frederick L. Cox of Grifton, Dawson of Washington, N. C., N. E. Day of Jacksonville, Thomas W. Ellis of Henderson, C. D. Ferrell of Elizabeth City, Ashley B. Futrell of Washington, N. C., Monroe Gaskill of Cedar Island, Hines of Kinston, Thomas B. Hord Jr. of Lawndale, Eugene Price of Goldsboro, Sebastian C. Sommer of Winston-Salem, Joe G. Swindell of Engelhard, Mrs. Estelle Tillet of Manteo, Fred H. Weaver of Chapel Hill, and Miss Alida Willis of Morehead City.

Members of the Advisory Committee are Arthur C. Batson of Burgaw, Ira L. Chadwick of Shallotte, Richard H. Ferrell of Moyock, George Fuller of Buxton, W. Roy Hamilton of Beaufort, Tommy V. Jones of Fairfield, John Van B. Metts Jr. of Wilmington, and William D. Mills of Maysville.