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Core Banks Land Purchase Okayed

Gov. Bob Scott and the Council of State approved Friday purchase of several more tracts of land on Core Banks for inclusion in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

The governor and council also authorized the Department of Administration to institute condemnation proceedings to acquire a small tract on Portsmouth Island for the seashore.

The state has been acquiring land in the seashore area since 1961. Out of an estimated acreage of 25,000 in the project area, the state is responsible for acquiring about 17,500 acres and the federal government the remainder. The state has acquired over 90 per cent of its total, but much of the remainder consists of small tracts on Portsmouth Island.

The condemnation proceedings will be instituted for a tract estimated at an acre or less and containing a small

house. The administration department said it had been unable to acquire the land by negotiation from its owner, R. L. Shuford III.

Purchase of the following Core Banks tracts was approved Friday:

From Alton Davis and his wife, Naomi G. Davis and from Golda Hill and husband, Howard Hill, 26 acres for \$6,250. The owners will retain use of the house on the property and three acres for 25 years.

From Delmas Lewis and wife, Eldred G. Lewis, four acres of unimproved land and three acres of land improved by frame dwelling, \$3,000.

From heirs of Martin T. Lewis, 13 acres of unimproved land for \$2,600.

From E. C. Richardson and wife, Elsie M. Richardson, two tracts containing a total of eight acres, \$1,500.