



TO: TOPSAIL ISLAND SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: JANUARY REPORT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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This report and legislative update provides information on the following topics:

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Washington News

TFG Special Report: The First 100 Days of the Trump Administration and 119th Congress

Attached is a Special Reporting providing full coverage of the incoming Trump administration and a preview of the priorities for the 119th Congress.

Congress Approves CR and Disaster Aid

After several missteps and just prior to adjournment *sine die*, the 118th Congress successfully passed a stopgap continuing resolution (CR) funding bill to avert a government shutdown, extending federal funding through March 14, 2025. The House approved the measure with a vote of 366-34, while the Senate followed with an 85-11 vote.

The legislation included \$100 billion in disaster relief and \$10 billion in disaster aid for farmers, along with a one-year extension of the farm bill. Notably, it excludes provisions related to the debt ceiling, which will need to be addressed separately in future negotiations.

President Joe Biden signed the bill into law shortly after its passage, ensuring continued government operations after the previous CR expired on December 20, and providing critical support to disaster-stricken areas and the agricultural sector.

Advocacy Update

Republicans will hold a governing trifecta during the 119th Congress. On Friday, January 3, both chambers convened in Washington to swear in their members and officially open the 119th Congress. In the House, Republicans hold a narrow majority of 220-215, while in the Senate, they have a 53-47 majority. On January 20, 2025, President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect J.D. Vance will officially be sworn into office.

We look forward to receiving TISPC's final 2025 Federal Priorities after the January 23 Commission meeting. While we await the updated priorities list, below are several important updates:

- **North Topsail Beach CBRA Mapping Issue**

We continue to work with Representative Murphy's office and other Congressional staff, alongside North Topsail Beach Alderman Tom Leonard, to update and prepare legislation for reintroduction early this year that would make more sweeping changes to CBRS map regarding Topsail Unit L06.

- **Surf City General Reevaluation Report**

On January 4, 2025, President Biden signed into law S.4367, the *Water Resources Development Act of 2024* (WRDA), following its passage by Congress in early December. As a reminder, WRDA authorizes and provides directives for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program to implement critical water infrastructure projects across the United States. WRDA 2024 includes a provision that instructs the Secretary of the Army to expedite the feasibility study for the Surf City Coastal Storm Risk Management Project.

- **Washington D.C. Advocacy Trip**

We are working with Commission leadership and staff to confirm the dates for the 2025 advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. We have identified Monday, April 28, through Wednesday morning, April 30, as potential dates for our annual legislative meetings with your Congressional delegation, relevant Congressional committees, and federal agencies. We will keep the Commission updated over the coming months as we confirm meetings and prepare meeting documents.