

WHY GROINS ARE BAD FOR THE ECONOMY

- They're very expensive build – as much as \$10 million.
- They're expensive to maintain.
- They won't eliminate the need for beach re-nourishment.
- Locals won't want to pay for them.
- State taxpayers will foot the bill.

GROINS ARE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD AND WE'LL STILL BE PUMPING SAND

The N.C. Coastal Resources Commission in its study estimated that groins will cost as much at \$10 million to build and \$2 million year to maintain, which includes ongoing beach re-nourishment. The commission's study found that, contrary to proponents' claims, sand will still have to be pumped onto beaches if terminal groins are allowed.

WHO WILL PAY FOR THEM?

Locals won't want to if beach re-nourishment projects are any good. Paying for groins will become divisive in the communities that want to build them, pitting property owners at inlets against everyone else. Votes to establish special tax districts for re-nourishment projects are always contentious and have failed when attempted on a countywide basis (Carteret, Dare). Even when limited to beach towns, the votes can go either way. It barely passed in Emerald Isle, but failed in North Topsail Beach and Nags Head. When the mayor of Pine Knoll Shore recently floated his taxing proposal, he was shouted down by non-beachfront owners.



A series of groins march down the beach at Cape May, N.J. This could be our future if you vote to change the state's ban on hard structures on the beach.

The state will end up paying the lion's share of these projects, just as they do with beach re-nourishment projects. Such expenditures would be hard to justify during flush times. In our current budget crisis, when you are considering deep cuts across the board, how do you explain to your constituents that you are extending a multi-million dollar handout to a handful of people lucky enough to own oceanfront homes?