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## ***PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE 5-1302***

### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to replace the NC 50/210 (Topsail Island) Bridge across navigable waters of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), mile 260.7, at Surf City, Pender County NC. Refer to Chart# 11541.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** NCDOT proposes to build a new fixed bridge to replace the existing swing bridge providing access to Topsail Island. Presently, in the closed position to vessels, the charted vertical clearance of the existing drawbridge is 13 feet above mean high water (MHW) and unlimited vertical clearance in the full open position, with 92 feet of horizontal clearance between the fenders. The proposed replacement would be a fixed bridge that will provide a vertical clearance of 65 feet above MWH, with a proposed horizontal clearance of 120 feet. The bridge piers would be designed for vessel impact with no fender system to be constructed.

It is requested that the Coast Guard be provided with navigational information such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated around this location on the AICW as they relate to the proposed vertical and horizontal clearances. Please submit the attached form in response to this preliminary public notice.

### **SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

It is further requested that mariners and adjacent property owners express their views from a navigational standpoint, in writing, on the proposed project giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to this project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through JUL 11 2014.

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By direction of the Commander  
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Topsail Island Bridge  
Over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway  
**Preliminary Public Notice 5-1302**  
Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the Office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by JUL 11 2014.

<b>Vessel Information</b>	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
<i>Use – Commercial or Recreational</i>	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments and Recommendations:** \_\_\_\_\_

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