

## Beach Project Update

Preparation continues for the upcoming Storm Damage Reduction (SDR) Project. Town staff received its weekly update from representatives of Weeks Marine on the status of the project and the next steps moving forward.

Pipes have arrived at Weeks' Wilmington yard and are being assembled, while heavy equipment (bulldozers, etc.) started arriving in Topsail Beach last week. The two dredges, the *JS Chatry* (in route) and the *Borinquen* (currently in the Wilmington area), will follow. The equipment needed for the installation of the submerged pipe is currently in tow to the area. Towing time will depend on weather conditions. Delays will occur when seas are greater than 5-7'. Weather and marine conditions have been the biggest challenge to date.

**While unforeseen delays are still possible, the project is still on track for completion by April 30<sup>th</sup> as scheduled.**

Staff will meet with Weeks Marine and TI Coastal on a weekly basis (or more often as necessary) to assess the progress and report back key information to our residents and property owners throughout the process. Once the project is underway, look for progress maps and updates on our website. For more information please contact us at Town Hall.

