



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 3.

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 18, 2012

**REQUESTED BY:** Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Planning & Community Development Department

**SHORT TITLE:** Update on Pender County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Required Elements

**BACKGROUND:** In June, 2010, the Pender County Board of Commissioners adopted the Pender County Comprehensive Land Use Plan as a policy document used as a guide in developing and approving land development proposals and for setting capital improvement plans and priorities.

Being a coastal county, as defined by the Coastal Area Management Act, Pender County is required to have a land use plan which is certified by the Coastal Resources Commission. At the time of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the required CAMA items were not included but had been anticipated to be incorporated in to the document at a future date. Staff has been evaluating projects with the Comprehensive Plan as well as the 2005 CAMA Land Use Plan, rendering minor inconsistencies in project review. The incorporation of the required CAMA Land Use Plan guidelines will eliminate the adopted 2005 land use plan and combine the adopted Comprehensive Plan and CAMA required items in to one cohesive document. This will be the first plan in the state to combine a comprehensive plan and CAMA land use plan elements.

Staff has met with the Pender County Comprehensive Plans and Policies Committee to review the changes and will also hold two public hearings (Planning Board 7/10 and Board of Commissioners 7/23) as well as open a 30-day public comment period to accept comments on the changes.

Staff will present to the Board, an overview of the changes to the plan and respond to any questions and/or comments the Board may have.