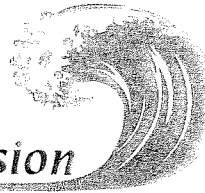




*Topsail Island*  
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**TOPSAIL ISLAND SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION TO ERADICATE "BEACH VITEX"**

**Whereas**, the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission (TISPC) has obtained recommendations from David Nash of the North Carolina Extension Service concerning the plant "Beach Vitex"; and

**Whereas**, Beach Vitex has been found to be a very invasive non-native plant that has been found to exist on Topsail Island; and

**Whereas**, Beach Vitex grows prolifically and chokes out and kills native plants such as sea oats and bitter panicum; and

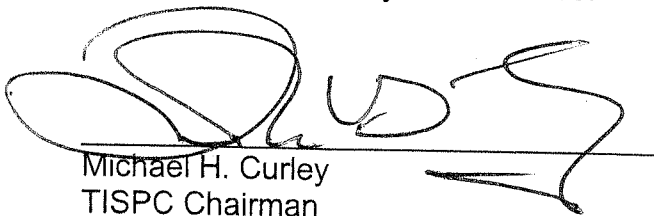
**Whereas**, Beach Vitex creates an environment that is very unfriendly to nesting sea turtles; and

**Whereas**, Beach Vitex will completely cover a dune and all surrounding open ground, thus eliminating valuable nesting sites for birds dependent upon this habitat; and

**Whereas**, Beach Vitex is much less effective as a dune stabilizing plant than sea oats and other native grasses;

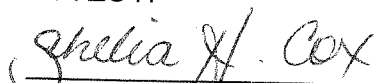
**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission does hereby resolve and recommend that Beach Vitex be declared a banned plant by the Towns of Topsail Island and should take appropriate measures to confine Beach Vitex to it's existing locations on Topsail Island, and further, that each Town should determine the feasibility of developing an eradication program for this noxious plant within the Town's respective borders.

**Adopted** this 27th day of June 2006.



Michael H. Curley  
TISPC Chairman

ATTEST:



Shelia H. Cox  
TISPC Recorder