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Title of Proposal: Mapping the Shorescape: Developing a Holistic Approach to Assessing Storm Damages to North Carolina's Maritime Legacies

Abstract: The North Carolina Office of State Archaeology's (OSA) Shorescape Survey Project is being implemented to identify, document, and assess archaeological resources along the waterways of counties impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael in 2018. Unlike most surveys of coastal resources, the NC Shorescape Project is adopting a holistic approach to the archaeology of maritime lifeways by simultaneously investigating resources on the shoreline, within the littoral zone, and submerged in adjacent waterways. This combination of terrestrial and underwater methodologies will not only provide a baseline for understanding differential climate change and storm effects on dry and waterlogged sites; it will broaden our understandings of coastal communities' political economies and experiential realms. In addition to Project context and goals, this paper will discuss the prioritization model OSA is using to implement the Shorescape Survey, which has been designed to identify at-risk sites associated with North Carolina's maritime industries and African American communities.