**North Carolina Tidewater Region**

* **Tidewater-Eastern region of North Carolina; also known as the “Outer Coastal Plain,” it consists of beaches, wetlands and barrier islands**
* **Pictures below: 1. Swampland at Bodie Island. 2. Albemarle Sound, Manteo, NC**
* **Outer Banks-These barrier islands extend along the Albemarle and Pamlico Sound (West) and the Atlantic Ocean (East)**
* **Lack of inlets (openings for seawater to go in and out) and bumpy landforms make shipping tough**
* **Shoals, or unseen sandbars, have sunk hundreds of ships**
* **The OBX is called the “Graveyard of the Atlantic,” leading to lighthouses like Cape Hatteras**
* **Hurricane-a powerful tropical storm that brings high winds and heavy rains**
* **Notable places: Kitty Hawk, New Bern, Edenton, Manteo, Wilmington (this port city is known for shipping because there are no barrier islands)**