

Harry Simmons

Mayor Harry Simmons is in his 9th year as Mayor of the **Town of Caswell Beach**. He has served 4 years as a member of the Board of Directors for the **NC League of Municipalities**, has served on the **National League of Cities** Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee and is currently a Coastal Cities member of **North Carolina's Coastal Resources Advisory Council**. Mr. Simmons is chairman of the **Brunswick Beaches Consortium**, a countywide sand management group and is in his 7th year as executive director of **North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association**, a non-profit organization which works to educate federal and state policy makers and facilitate environmentally sound scientific and engineering solutions to coastal problems. In 2007 Mayor Simmons was named "Elected Official of the Year" by **Cape Fear Council of Governments**.

Mayor Simmons is in his 5th year as President of the 82 year old **American Shore & Beach Preservation Association** and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the much younger **Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association**. Mayor Simmons is a regular visitor to the halls of Congress where he has testified on coastal issues. He has also appeared on national television news networks and been quoted in the nation's leading newspapers regarding coastal issues.

Before working on coastal policy issues, Harry Simmons owned a music management firm, Simmons Management Group, for over 20 years. He was primarily involved with managing the careers of record producers. His producer clients were directly responsible for creating recording projects by such well-known artists as R.E.M., Hootie & the Blowfish, Counting Crows, Kim Carnes and Joe Cocker among many others. Simmons is a member of the **National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences** which gives him a vote for the music industry's prestigious **Grammy Awards** each year.

A **North Carolina native and lifelong resident**, this son of a County Extension Agent and a public school teacher earned his BS in Business Administration from the **Kenan-Flagler Business School** at the **University of North Carolina** in Chapel Hill.