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Two ASBPA Directors Appointed to EPA's Coastal Elevations and Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) announced that two of its directors, Greg “Rudi” Rudolph and Tony Pratt, have been appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Coastal Elevations and Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (CESLAC).

The purpose of CESLAC is to provide guidance to the EPA on a study titled *Coastal Elevations and Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise*. The study is being conducted along all of America’s coastlines, but will focus specifically on the eastern shore line from New York to North Carolina as part of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program. CESLAC will advise the EPA on issues including what technical approaches to use; the nature of information relevant to decision makers; the content of the final assessment report; compliance with the Information Quality Act; and any other relevant issues that will help complete a comprehensive study.

“ASBPA is an organization that is committed to protecting America’s shorelines,” said Harry Simmons, ASBPA President. “We’re extremely grateful to the EPA for asking for participation from ASBPA. We look forward to working with them to complete this study and hope that it leads to sound public policy that will help protect the beauty and functionality of America’s public beaches.”

Rudi Rudolph is a director of ASBPA and co-chair of ASBPA’s governmental affairs committee. He also serves as Carteret County’s (NC) Shore Protection Manager, coordinating the county’s beach preservation program and managing beach nourishment projects while serving as secretary of the county’s beach commission.

Tony Pratt is an ASBPA Vice President and the Shoreline and Waterway Administrator for the state of Delaware. In that capacity, he oversees programs related to beach nourishment, beach construction regulation, coastal hazards mitigation and waterway management. Pratt was a member of both the National Research Council Committee on Beach Nourishment and Protection, and the Heinz Center Panel on Risk Vulnerability and the True Costs of Coastal Hazards.

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ABOUT ASBPA: *Founded in 1926, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association represents the scientific, technical and political interests along the coast in an effort to shape national research and policy concerning shore and beach management and restoration. The group strives to engage a factual debate on coastal issues and economics that will foster sound, far-sighted and economical development and preservation of our beaches; thereby aiding in placing their benefits within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. For more information go to www.asbpa.org*

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