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Dear Mr. Dunnigan and Ms. Scheffler:

As you prepare to receive federal funding for Fiscal Year 2007 under the recently-passed joint funding resolution and as the FY 2008 budget process moves forward, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) respectfully requests the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide sufficient funding to complete the *2005 National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE)*.

NSRE is an invaluable resource for local and state coastal officials. We are particularly interested in the ability of NSRE data to provide detailed information about current and projected participation rates in outdoor recreation. These details are essential tools for both short-term and long-range planning and resource management.

In addition, ASBPA supports the development of a demonstration project that would allow NOAA to share the collected NSRE data with coastal states. Enhancing the information delivery process will foster increased collaboration between NOAA and its federal and non-federal partners. This collaboration is becoming increasingly critical as the demand for economic data becomes more important for decision-makers across all levels of government.

We commend your efforts and look forward to working closely with you in the future. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



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