

January 27, 2010

**RE: Coastal Damages Caused by Recent Storms**

**Dear Senator**

The damage done to coastal communities by Ida, nor'easters and other severe storms in November and December is significant. For just the projects funded through the Corps of Engineers, the repair cost exceeds \$250 million from Louisiana to New York.

The communities in these states have had their coastal protection compromised. Beach dunes have been reduced or lost in many areas, leaving the people and infrastructure of these regions at risk from one or more additional winter storms. Some navigation channels have been filled with sand, making commercial and recreational boat traffic unsafe. Many of these water resource projects had been compromised prior to the storms due to limited congressional funding. Environmental resources in these areas are also in need of restoration.

The Corps has the authority – but not the funds – to repair these Federal coastal projects to their pre-storm condition. However, there is no post-disaster money in the Corps' FY 2010 budget and these projects are not eligible for FEMA assistance. Only Congress can provide the Corps with the funds and direction to repair the damages it has already calculated.

Please contact the Senate Appropriations Committee to urge passage of a disaster relief package as soon as possible. Also, we urge you to be on the lookout for a sign-on letter to be circulated by Senator Carper to Senators in the affected states. ASBPA supports Senator Carper's effort and will assist in whatever the Senator deems appropriate.

**Please act now.** The winter storm season is far from over....and the summer hurricane season is not far behind. ASBPA is ready to assist you in any way you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,



Mayor Harry Simmons  
President

---

**PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**  
1100 Caswell Beach Road, Caswell Beach, NC 28465  
(910) 200-7867 • Fax (800) 967-0816  
E-mail: [president@asbpa.org](mailto:president@asbpa.org)  
Visit the ASBPA online at [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org)

---

**WASHINGTON OFFICE**  
c/o Marlowe & Company  
1667 K Street, Suite 480, Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 775-1796 • Fax (202) 775-0214  
E-mail: [beaches@asbpa.org](mailto:beaches@asbpa.org)