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**American Shore and Beach Preservation Association
to Kick Off National Summit Wednesday**
2007 Coastal Summit to feature congressional leaders, leading coastal scientists

WASHINGTON, DC – With the summer beach season just weeks away, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) will hold its 2007 Coastal Summit next week to discuss the pressing issues facing America’s beaches, and to recognize those who have led the charge to preserve them.

The three-day summit, which will begin Wednesday at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC, will feature leading coastal scientists, members of Congress – including House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE), and House Coastal Caucus Co-Chairs Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Walter Jones (R-NC) – and a host of officials from coastal communities.

“I’m pleased with the line-up of speakers we have at this year’s Summit,” said Harry Simmons, Mayor of Caswell Beach, NC and president of ASBPA. “I want to thank our Congressional hosts, Assistant Secretary John Paul Woodley and the other officials from federal, state and local agencies where nourishment projects are managed for their help in putting together such a comprehensive agenda for Summit-goers.

“This summer, millions of Americans will head to places such as Coney Island, Venice Beach, Miami Beach, Dewey Beach, Myrtle Beach and South Padre Island for some fun in the sun,” Simmons continued. “What most of the vacationers won’t realize, however, is that these premier beaches have been enhanced and preserved using a balanced combination of federal, state and local funds. Had there not been careful, comprehensive and innovative beach nourishment projects at these beaches, there might not be a beach in which an older brother could bury his younger sister in the sand. The same can be said for countless other beaches across the country.”

As part of the Coastal Summit, ASBPA will honor two Congressional coastal advocates and two federal staffers who have been instrumental in the fight to preserve America’s beaches. The six beaches deemed to be the Top Restored Beaches for last year will also be in the spotlight at a special awards reception on Capitol Hill.

“We’re looking forward to the opportunities this week to work with lawmakers and heads of federal agencies to highlight the importance of beach nourishment projects all across America and the incredible return on investment they provide to Americans in all 50 states,” Simmons concluded.

ABOUT ASBPA: Founded in 1926, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) 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. ASBPA strives to engage in 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 beliefs within the reach of

the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. For additional information about ASBPA, please visit www.asbpa.org.

America's Coasts, America's Treasures: National Perspectives and Policy March 21-23, 2007

Washington Court Hotel
525 New Jersey Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.

Honorary Host Committee:

The House Coastal Caucus

Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Co-Chair

Congressman Walter Jones, Jr. (R-NC), Co-Chair

Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA), Co-Chair

Congressman Henry Brown (R-SC), Co-Chair

Wednesday March 21, 2007

Location: Washington Court

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. ASBPA Board of Directors Meeting
Breakfast for Board Members

10:00 – 1:00 p.m. Conference Registration

Afternoon Events

Location: Washington Court Hotel

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Welcome
Mayor Harry Simmons, ASBPA President (North Carolina)
Jerry Stoddard, Summit 2007 Chair (New York)

1:15 – 1:45 p.m. Keynote Address
The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX),
Chairwoman, House Water Resources and Environment
Subcommittee

1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Challenges Facing America's Coastal Infrastructure
The Honorable John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the
Army (Civil Works)

2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Discussion: Climate Issues and America's Coasts
James G. Titus, Environmental Protection Agency
Jeff Benoit, Chair, Committee on Mitigation of Erosion of Sheltered
Coasts, National Academy of Science

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Species Management – Turtles, Piping Plovers, and Beaches
Carl Zimmerman, Assateague Island National Seashore (MD)
Bob Prince, South Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Legislative Update – 110th Congress
Howard Marlowe, ASBPA Government Affairs Director
- 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Shore Protection Works
Project Performance Assessment: Martin County, Florida
William Curtis, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, USACE
Susan Durden, Institute for Water Resources, USACE

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Location: Capitol Hill and Washington Court Hotel

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Morning Session with the Congressional Coastal Caucus
(The Gold Room, 2168 Rayburn House Office Building)
- 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ASBPA's Capitol Hill Lobby Day (Lunch on your own)
- Small group meetings with Congressional offices for
North Carolina, New Jersey, and Florida participants
Updated schedule information will be provided at the Summit

Afternoon Sessions

(Location: Washington Court Hotel)

- 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Implementing Coastal/Ocean Policy: Report from the States
Kacky Andrews, Executive Director, Coastal States Organization
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Budget Prioritization for Civil Works Projects
Gary Loew, Chief of Programs Integration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mortimer L. Downey, President, PB Consult, Inc.
- 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Linking Offshore Energy Activities and Coastal Restoration
Jeff Krauss, Director of External Affairs, National Ocean Industries Association
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Break – Proceed to Russell Senate Office Building / Clear Security
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Congressional Reception and Awards Ceremony
(Location: Senate Caucus Room, 325 Russell Senate Office Building)
**Hor d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.*
- Coastal Advocate Award
The Honorable Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

The Honorable Mike Castle (R-DE)

Congressional Staff Award

Joshua Bowlen, Legislative Director, Congressman Walter Jones (R-

NC)

Corps of Engineers Award

Christopher C. Frabotta, Wilmington (NC) District

2006 Top Restored Beaches Award

Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland

Captiva Island, Florida

Gulf Shores/Orange Beach, Alabama

Pinellas County Beaches, Florida

Rehoboth and Dewey Beaches, Delaware

Sea Bright to Manasquan Beach, New Jersey

Friday, March 23, 2007

Location: Washington Court Hotel

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Reports from Thursday's Capitol Hill visits
Moderated by Mayor *Harry Simmons*, ASBPA President
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Legal Rights and Strategies for Communities
John O'Connell, Becker Meisel, Attorneys at Law (New York/New Jersey)
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. National Survey on Recreation and the Environment Report:
Developing a Demonstration Project for Coastal States
Dr. Bob Leeworthy, Coastal and Ocean Resource Economics Program,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. No Adverse Impact: New Approaches to Coastal Hazard
Mitigation
Pam Pogue, Association of State Floodplain Managers
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Dredging Contractors Perspectives: What Do We Do For Fun Now?
Barry Holliday, Dredging Contractors of America
Bill Hanson, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock
- 11:15 – 11:45am Wrap up and Adjourn
Mayor Harry Simmons, ASBPA President