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## **American Shore and Beach Preservation Association Statement on Senate Passage of WRDA**

**Washington, DC** – The Honorable Harry Simmons, President of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) and Mayor of Caswell Beach, North Carolina, today made the following statement upon the United States Senate’s passage the “Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007” by a vote 91-4:

“ASBPA welcomes Senate passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. This long-overdue legislation has now taken a giant step toward enactment into law. ASBPA welcomes the support the Senate bill gives to the federal shore protection program.

“In addition, we applaud the Senate for providing the Corps of Engineers with authority to plan, implement, and evaluate projects on a regional basis. This will save taxpayers millions of dollars while improving project planning and evaluation as well as protection of environmental resources. Equally important is the Senate bill’s language authorizing new water resource projects.

“America’s water resources are critical to the economy and environment. Along the coast, some areas are experiencing erosion of 5 percent or more per year. That is a loss of economic, environmental and recreational resources that must be stopped.

“ASBPA will be working with both the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction to assure passage of an effective WRDA bill later this year.”

**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](http://www.asbpa.org).

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