

# Coastal Voice

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## This #GivingTuesday, help us #FundTheFellow

By **DEREK BROCKBANK**,  
ASBPA Executive Director

**O**n #GivingTuesday, ASBPA is looking to raise \$15,000 from our members and supporters to partially fund our new professional “Fellow” for 2021. We have a tremendous opportunity, with a matching donation pledged for the first \$7,000 raised!

Can you help us raise \$8,000 to meet our match and hit our goal?

### The Fellowship

The ASBPA Fellow is a nearly full-time junior staff position, which ASBPA had for the first time ever in 2020. With project management responsibilities, leadership development and networking, the fellowship provides hands-on experience and training in working in the non-profit coastal sector. By coordinating new initiatives and supporting our virtual events, the position has also become essential to ASBPA.

The fellowship was self-funded in 2020, but needs to be funded by ASBPA in 2021. We have some funding identified, but need to raise at least an additional \$15,000 from members and supporters.

### Donate now:

■ **Online:** <https://asbpa.org/2020/11/10/fundthefellow/>

■ **By mail:** Send a check with “Fund the Fellow” in the memo to:  
ASBPA  
11940 Palba Way #5102  
Fort Myers, FL 33912-9094

### Our Fellow

After interning with ASBPA in 2019, Annie Mercer became our Fellow for 2020. She has been involved in many aspects of ASBPA’s work, and has led three major initiatives:



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1. **Blue Flag** — ASBPA has become the first U.S.-based national operator of the international certification programs

for healthy, safe and sustainable beaches, called “Blue Flag.” We will

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### Reminders:

- ✓ **TODAY** — #Fund the Fellow TODAY
- ✓ **Dec. 2** — Coastal Summit registration opens... go to [asbpa.org/conferences](https://asbpa.org/conferences)
- ✓ **Dec. 31** — 2021 membership dues deadline

## Wading into New Waters — 2021 Coastal Summit

By BRIAN CAUFIELD, 2021 Coastal Summit Co-chair

I write this as we wait anxiously for states to finish certifying the ballots and finding out who will be leading our country for the next four years. But this anxious feeling is probably something that we in coastal communities are used to. We faced an unprecedented 2020 with the impacts of the novel coronavirus and the strains it placed on our beach communities. We saw reductions in staffing, but increased beach visits. It is not surprising that one of the places we feel safe is on a beach.

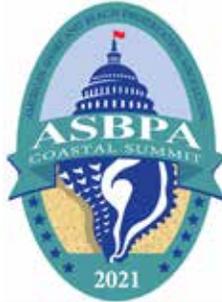


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While beach waters can be scary — with large waves, rip currents, and a shark or two — it is still the place we come to wade into and let our mind relax. It is this “Wading into New Waters” that myself and the other co-chairs

of the 2021 ASBPA Coastal Summit want to help with. While we don’t yet know who will be leading the country in 2021, we do know that we need to be ready for an influx of beachgoers looking to relax.

We have decided to take the 2021 ASBPA Coastal Summit into the virtual workspace. We could not guarantee what the world will look like in March, so we decided instead of shifting it at the last minute, we would plan from the beginning for it to be virtual. We are planning an exciting three half-day afternoon sessions. We ask you to join



Ready to register? Go to:  
[asbpa.org/conferences/2021-summit-reg](https://asbpa.org/conferences/2021-summit-reg) or  
[asbpa.org/conferences/2021-summit-sponsors](https://asbpa.org/conferences/2021-summit-sponsors)

us from 1 to 5 p.m. EDT Tuesday-Thursday, March 23-25.

While we will have some standard topics that we have grown used to at Coastal Summits of past, we will also wade into new ways of sharing amongst the group such as roundtable sessions that allow for attendees to share their thoughts on specific topics. We cannot plan for in-person Hill visits, but we will once again work to get Hill staffers to tell us what is expected in the 117th U.S. Congress. We found the trivia contest to be so enjoyable during the 2020 National Coastal Conference that we will be bringing that to the 2021 Coastal Summit. We will also have a Happy Hour and we are looking forward to talking to those of you able to join us. At least we know we will not be stuck in the ASAE hallway and should have a better selection of our preferred beverage.

Finally, we are going to be scheduling our federal agency visits with NOAA, USACE, FEMA, BOEM etc.. The good thing is that we won’t have to traipse through a snowstorm to get there.

I ask you to join us in March as we Wade Into New Waters of the 117th U.S. Congress. More details on the speakers and program are forthcoming. Your co-chairs — Lynette Cardoch and Jack Koban — and I are excited to bring this virtual 2021 Coastal Summit to our membership! ❖

## Coastal Summit 2021 awards nominations open

Nominations are now open for the ASBPA Congressional awards, Congressional Staffer award, Federal Agency award, Corps award, and Friend of the Coast Media award to be presented during the Virtual Coastal Summit on March 23-25. The nomination deadline is Jan. 22, 2021, for the following awards:

- Two Congressional awards: “**Coastal Advocate**” — ASBPA’s highest award, a lifetime achievement award — and “**Friend of the Coast**,” for shorter term or more project-specific contributions. Any ASBPA member may nominate one or more Members of Congress for the awards.
- The **Congressional Staffer award** will be given to a single staff member for his or her efforts both to promote beach preservation and to facilitate project requests in the past legislative session.
- The **Federal Agency award** will be given to a single staff member for his or her efforts to promote beach preservation.
- The **Corps award** honors a member of the Corps of Engineers who contributed to the cause of beach management and preservation. For the most part, these are people from the districts who make projects happen.
- And the **Friend of the Coast Media award** will be given to a media outlet for exceptional coverage of coastal news.

Nominations are due at the ASBPA offices no later than Jan. 22, 2021, and may be submitted using the online form at [www.asbpa.org](https://www.asbpa.org). The nominator will need to be in attendance to present the award. For questions, e-mail us at [managing@asbpa.org](mailto:managing@asbpa.org). ❖

## Changing of the guard for ASBPA leadership ahead

By KATE GOODERHAM,  
ASBPA Managing Director

Beginning Jan. 1, ASBPA will have two new Managing Directors, Brad and Leslie Pickel.

Kate Gooderham is retiring and Ken Gooderham will assist Brad and Leslie. You'll be hearing more about this in future months, but we wanted to share their bios so you can get to know them.

Brad Pickel is co-owner of Seahaven Consulting Inc. in Beaufort, SC. In his career, Brad has held a variety of roles for local governments, consulting firms and nonprofit associations. His technical training and education in coastal systems, practical experience as a beach manager in local government, and advocacy and educational efforts in Washington, DC, has provided Brad a well-rounded



BRAD PICKEL

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perspective of what is needed to advance coastal management issues. He is excited to begin the role of ASBPA Managing Director.

Leslie Pickel is the co-owner of Seahaven Consulting Inc. As a non-profit professional with over 20 years' experience, Leslie has performed numerous managerial roles for clients and employers, and has a passion for producing events that provide attendees with a rich learning and collaborative environment. She has led numerous symposia and conferences, both in the U.S. and abroad. Leslie will serve as co-Managing Director of ASBPA. ❖

## 2020 conference presentations still available online

Worried about a long winter with not much to do? Catch up on your coastal learning — all of ASBPA's online National Coastal Conference was recorded, so anyone who registered can still log on and view any session or any presentation. This will be available through summer 2021. You can find quick access to the virtual conference from the link at: <https://asbpa.org/conferences/>

Also for those who didn't register, we've posted a couple presentations related to ASBPA's programmatic work that are accessible to all:



- “Coastal STEM diversity, persistence, and success” — This plenary panel is available with a list of resources and further reading on equity and inclusion, to help us consider how to make coastal STEM in academia and industry a more diverse and inclusive space. <https://asbpa.org/2020/10/15/resources-for-equity-and-inclusion/>

- “The Coastal University Guide” — ASBPA Student and New Professional chapter president, Eve Eisemann presents on how the Guide was developed and how it works: [https://asbpa.org/2020/11/02/presentation\\_cug/](https://asbpa.org/2020/11/02/presentation_cug/)

- “Best Restored Shores” — ASBPA 2020 Best Restored Shores winners present their projects and what made them successful: <https://youtu.be/Nka-ODGC52X4> ❖

## Fellow.....

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be publicly launching this program in 2021. Annie has been essential in developing the program: drafting a feasibility study, working with the international association that runs Blue Flag, and building and leading a committee to refine the international criteria and identify pilot beaches in the U.S.

2. **Technical lead for virtual events** — ASBPA's Coastal Summit and National Coastal Conference both moved online in 2020, necessitating new technical capacity in hosting and training participants in integrated Zoom meeting and webinars. Annie led this effort at both events, ensuring presentations ran smoothly and participants were comfortable presenting in the new format.

3. **Local Funding** — In early 2020, we launched our report on “Local Funding for Coastal Projects,” accompanied by resources, tools and presentations to spread the word on how coastal communities could create and increase local funding streams. Annie edited the report, developed supplemental materials and has been doing outreach on the report all year.

The work that Annie has led must continue into 2021. Blue Flag is just starting to get up and running. We are already planning a virtual Coastal Summit in 2021, and hope to have some online elements at the in-person National Coastal Conference in October. And helping communities understand local funding options for their coastal projects will be one of the key challenges of the sea level rise era.

Please help us continue this critical work with a special contribution today! ❖

The 2020 Robert L. Wiegel  
Coastal Project Award:

## Mouth of the Columbia River

By **BOBBAK TALEBI**

**A**t the National Coastal Conference in October, ASBPA awarded the Lower Columbia Solutions Group the 2020 Robert L. Wiegel Coastal Project of the Year. This award goes to coastal projects that have stood the test of time and shown a positive environmental, social, or recreational benefit.

For almost 20 years the Lower Columbia Solutions Group (LCSG) has built strong relationships at the Mouth of the Columbia River (MCR) by bringing together key interests to increase the beneficial use of dredge sediment to help protect shipping channel jetties, coastal beaches and nearshore habitats from erosion while avoiding and minimizing adverse environmental, resources, and navigation safety effects.

Beginning in 1997, the practice of dredged material management at MCR shifted from disposal of sediment dredged to targeted nearshore placement. The nearshore placement further evolved in 2003 with the designation of the Shallow Water Site and the North Jetty Site, which were strategically placed in areas that nourish the nearshore environment, and represented the first efforts of thin-layer placement.

This allowed for approximately 2.5-3 million cubic yards to remain in the littoral system. Finally, in 2012, the nearshore efforts were expanded to include the South Jetty Site, placing up to 500,000 cubic yards of material in the nearshore environment on the Oregon Coast. This site also implemented innovative monitoring techniques for dredged material placement in the nearshore areas. The success of these sites led to further expansion of the



Members of the Lower Columbia Solutions Group assess December 2018 beach erosion impacts to state park campsites.

nearshore placement network at MCR.

The MCR project exemplifies the importance of partnership across many stakeholder groups and agencies to successfully maintain a healthy coastal environment through innovation and the beneficial use of dredged material.

*Below is an excerpt from the project's website:*

With leadership from Ecology's Coastal Management Program, the Lower Columbia Solutions Group (LCSG) spent almost 20 years working at the mouth of the Columbia River to reduce damaging erosion in the area by increasing the beneficial use of dredge sediment. This region is not only critically important to the ecology of the Pacific Northwest, but also one of the busiest hubs for maritime trade in all of North America.

The LCSG's success in reimagining the planning process for the mouth of the Columbia River is being recognized as a model of collaborative science and decision-making. ASBPA Executive Director Derek Brockbank spoke recently with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-

neers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the states of Washington and Oregon as part of the "The Capital Beach" national podcast series.

### **Collaborative recipe for success**

Members of the Lower Columbia Solutions Group watched a presentation about shoreline change analysis during an LCSG science-policy workshop.

The strength of the LCSG comes from its collective capacity. Its achievements are the result of strong relationship building, shared trust, and collective determination to sustain an important adaptive management process. In addition to Ecology's steady role, leadership from the Corps' Portland District, the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Program, EPA, and NOAA have provided the backbone to maintain the team as a national leader in dredging innovation. Collectively, the LCSG has been highly successful in advancing an emerging strategy known as thin-layer placement, which involves the use of dredged material to

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support multiple objectives, including the restoration and preservation of key coastal environments.

Through what is called the “One Ecology” approach, different Ecology roles and responsibilities were optimized to provide more cohesive and comprehensive assistance to the LCSG.

The One Ecology team includes the Coastal Monitoring & Analysis Program, which plays a fundamental role in conducting scientific research and analysis to help understand sediment dynamics and effects of material placement activities.

Ecology’s Section 401 team in Olympia and colleagues in the department’s southwest regional office in Lacey conduct environmental reviews and provide permitting assistance to ensure state and federal regulations and policies are carried out on the ground.

Meanwhile, the policy and planning team convenes the group, coordinates communication across agencies and stakeholders, and ensures the development and implementation of the Regional Sediment Management Plan reflects the LCSG’s goals and interests.

### Importance of RSM

The Columbia River provides a crucial link between ocean and inland waters for endangered salmon and other species, while the river mouth is home to one of the United States’ largest Dungeness crab fisheries. Economically, the Lower Columbia is one of the nation’s major shipping corridors, responsible for transporting over 50 billion tons of cargo annually. It is the third largest grain export gateway in the world.

In order to keep the Columbia River shipping channels open, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Portland District dredges about 3-5 million cubic yards of sand from the river’s mouth annually. The dredged mate-



Members of the Lower Columbia Solutions Group watch a presentation about shoreline change analysis during an LCSG science-policy workshop.

rial is primarily clean quartz sand, but prior to LCSG’s formation, about one-third of the sand was taken to a designated deep water disposal site. This resulted in the removal of a large portion of clean, uncontaminated sediment, where it otherwise would be expected to help sustain jetties, beaches, and marine habitat.

At the same time, the highly-engineered entrance to the Columbia River, combined with upriver dams and other structures, has altered the river’s flow and reduced the historic level of sediments moving through the river mouth by nearly two-thirds. With less sand to buffer wave energy, increasing rates of erosion jeopardized nearby ocean beaches, jetties, and sandy bottom Dungeness crab habitats.

### Two decades of partnership

Recognizing that the worsening erosion situation called for ambitious, comprehensive, and coordinated action, the governors of Washington and Oregon first convened the LCSG in 2002 to work toward a solution. The LCSG is a diverse, bi-state partnership

of local, state, and federal agencies, fishing and crabbing interests, environmental groups, developers, and other stakeholders. Ecology’s Coastal Management Program, located within the Shorelines and Environmental Assistance Program, has provided leadership on LCSG efforts from the beginning. For more details, see the LCSG video “Building Consensus Through Collaborative Adaptive Management” in the lower Columbia River estuary.

During the past 20 years, the LCSG has developed and refined dredge disposal techniques to reduce discards and increase the beneficial use of dredged material to 85% by 2019. At the same time, the group has used innovative monitoring and analysis to ensure that the material does not adversely affect the safety of fishing and shipping fleets or compromise the health of local fisheries and the surrounding environment.

Check out an educational video on how scientists investigate the effects of sediment deposition events on benthic communities: <https://lowercolumbia-solutions.org/research-videos/> ❖

## Membership renewals are due by Dec. 31

By KATE GOODERHAM,  
ASBPA Managing Director

**A**SBPA cannot survive without all of you. You have been there for us in 2020 despite all the challenges this year has wrought. Thank you. We mailed invoices for membership (emailed to student members) in November and we have had a strong response to date.

We worked hard for you this year and your response tells us you know that and appreciate it. All dues expire on Dec. 31 except for those who became members by paying nonmember rates for the Coastal Conference.



As we will be outlining in the next issue of “Coastal Voice,” we have had a busy year and expect 2021 to be even better.

We work to keep the process simple: Everyone’s dues are due at the same time. You can renew online at <https://asbpa.org/2020/10/22/asbpa-2021-membership-form/>

Corps Award:

## Joe Ryan, Los Angeles District

*Editor’s Note: Pre-COVID, the winner of the Corps Award could not travel to Washington to receive the award. Giving it to him was delayed until the National Coastal Conference, which was then further delayed since neither event was live. We have since sent him his award, and want to share with you excerpts from his nomination.*

**A**s anyone from the Southern California coastal community can attest, Joe Ryan has been an invaluable resource of coastal information consistently for decades. He has repeatedly succeeded in making projects happen at Surfside/Sunset Beach and the Santa Ana River.

Specifically, he led the engineering and construction of the Lower Santa Ana River Flood Channel Improvements in 1992 where several miles of the lower river were cleared of sediment and the levees raised to take the City of Huntington Beach out of the floodplain. Approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of sand was discharged into the nearshore creating wide beaches and some of the best surf Newport Beach has ever experienced. His efforts on Sunset Beach/Surfside Colony have resulted in widening of beaches through the three cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach, and two state beaches. Beaches are hundreds of feet wide and provide sufficient protection for severe storms and generate multiple millions of dollars of income for the local, regional, and state governments.

Joe has worked on numerous important coastal studies, plans and specs for most if not all of the dredging projects in Southern California, and he participates in the Southern California Dredged Materials Management Team and always provides inputs which make projects better. ❖

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### Central East Coast Chapter has new name!

By MAURA BOSWELL,  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter President

**T**he former Central East Coast (CEC) Chapter of ASBPA has re-branded as the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of ASBPA! Following a 2019 survey of the membership, and continuing stakeholder input, the CEC Chapter decided to reduce our boundaries to the region including Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC, and rename the regional chapter the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of ASBPA. The smaller geographical region will allow members to participate more easily in chapter meetings and focus our efforts on the newly adopted mission, “Working regionally for healthy, sustainable, and resilient coastal and shoreline systems.”

There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved as we continue strategic planning for the direction of the chapter and start planning for our 2021 annual meeting. If you are

interested in getting involved, please contact Maura Boswell at [mbosw002@odu.edu](mailto:mbosw002@odu.edu).

### Great Lakes Chapter has new president

**P**lease welcome Peter Truax who is the new Great Lakes Chapter president. He is a landscape architect with the coastal engineering firm W.F. Baird & Associates, where he has worked since 2017. Born and



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raised in Minnesota, he is a graduate of the Macalester College and the University of Minnesota. His professional focus relates to waterfront design and engineering — including public parks and beaches, urban waterfronts, and marinas – and coastal habitat restoration in the Gulf of Mexico and Great Lakes regions. His interests include swimming, biking, drawing, painting, and cooking. ❖

## Kristina Boburka named Certified Coastal Practitioner™ by Coastal Zone Foundation

The Coastal Zone Foundation (CZF) is pleased to announce that Kristina Boburka has earned the designation of Certified Coastal Practitioner™ (CCP) professional credential.

Earning the CCP designation distinguishes Boburka as having a broad knowledge base and understanding of the interrelationships that exist among different coastal professions.

Boburka is a graduate of Texas A&M University, where she obtained an interdisciplinary Master of Science degree that focused on marine biology and marine resource management. She was also able to obtain a certificate in geographic information systems (GIS) during her time there. Currently, she is the shoreline director for the City of South Padre Island where she is continually working to protect and promote the natural resources on the island. She manages and directs the overall functions of the shoreline department including, but not limited to the beach and bay public access points, beach renourishment and restoration within the city.

“Since becoming active with the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, I have greatly enjoyed

the Coastal Zone Foundation short courses that are always offered at the conferences,” Boburka said. “They are such a great opportunity for continuing education and are very applicable to my day-to-day activities, projects



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and my career. It is such an honor to be involved with the CCP program and to receive this credential.”

To earn the CCP credential, candidates must complete a series of 10 short courses offered by the Coastal Zone Foundation in cooperation with ASBPA. The CCP program provides participants with multidisciplinary instruction on comprehensive coastal management and defines the body of knowledge, which reflects best practices for coastal practitioners.

The Coastal Zone Foundation was formed in 1984 with the purpose of advancing scientific and related engineering and planning knowledge. Please visit [coastalzonefoundation.org](http://coastalzonefoundation.org) to learn more. ❖

## BOEM has a new mobile data collection app

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the release of Ocean Alert, a new mobile data collection app for marine megafauna sightings. Collected data will help BOEM plan offshore energy and mineral development in ways that lessen the potential impacts to species such as sea turtles, sharks and whales and their habitats. BOEM developed the app in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



as an expansion of NOAA’s Whale Alert app.

You can use Ocean Alert to upload images, sightings and other species information to the app, which stores the data for resource managers. The free app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play. ❖

Call for Nominations:

## 2021 Best Restored Beaches awards deadline April 30

ASBPA is seeking nominations for the Best Restored Beaches Award to recognize beach renourishment projects. This award honors the Best Restored Beaches in America annually to help build awareness of the value of America’s restored beaches. The award-winning projects on America’s open shoreline and on the Great Lakes’ shorelines could include:

- Beach and shoreline renourishment project on open coastlines
- Dune restoration and dune building projects
- Coastal resiliency projects with a sandy beach or dune component
- Inlet management and regional sediment management (RSM) projects including beach placement
- Beach and shoreline projects on open coastlines with structures that enhance the performance of beach renourishment projects

The intensity of the storms that have been hammering our coasts have been increasing. It has been proven that high dunes and wide beaches are the best defenses to minimize the impacts of erosion and flooding from severe storms. “Many seasonal or new residents of beach communities do not realize that their beach was built and has been maintained over the years. It is important that everyone realize the time and effort that is required to maintain this critical resource” says Tony Pratt, President of ASBPA.

Continued public support for restoration is crucial and often difficult to maintain when restoration projects become successful and routine. ASBPA encourages nominations from estab-

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## WASHINGTON REPORT

### FY21 federal appropriations nearing deadline

By **DEREK BROCKBANK**,  
ASBPA Executive Director

The federal FY21 budget is operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) through Dec. 11. Before then, Congress must agree to a budget or the government will shut down (which certainly feels on-brand for 2020, but at this point both House and Senate would like to avoid).

Adding to the challenge is the lingering question whether Congress will pass an additional economic stimulus/COVID response bill and/or a disaster supplemental bill responding to the record-breaking wildfire season *and* the record-breaking hurricane season in the US.

The House of Representatives has already passed most of its appropriations bills, but the Senate only recently introduced any of its appropriations bills. Appropriators are in negotiations now to produce final bills that both the House and the Senate can agree to, but whether they will come to agreement before the deadline is unclear. ❖



**BROCKBANK**

Here are the funding levels in the House and Senate appropriations (in comparison with FY20 final budget) that fund some key coastal programs: (All numbers in millions of dollars.)

#### Energy and Water Appropriations

(Includes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

Program	FY20 Final	FY21 House	FY21 Senate
Shore Protection (Construction)	\$50.165	\$55.0	\$30.0
Shore Protection (Investigations)	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$5.0
Shore Protection (CAP Sec. 103)	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$1.5
Beneficial Use Of Dredged Material Pilot Program	\$7.5	\$10.0	\$7.5
Beneficial Uses Of Dredged Material (CAP Sec. 204)	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$4.5
Planning Assistance To States	\$9.0	\$9.0	\$14.0
Coastal Inlet Research Program	\$10.975	\$50	\$14.975
Coastal Field Data Collection	\$2.5	\$1.0	\$2.0
Coastal Ocean Data System (CODS)	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$7.5
National Coastal Mapping Program	\$7.5	\$6.3	\$15.0
Regional Sediment Management Program	\$8.5	\$7.5	\$8.5
National Shoreline Management Study	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.4

#### Commerce, Justice & Science Appropriations

(Includes NOAA)

Program	FY20 Final	FY21 House	FY21 Senate
Coastal Management Grants	\$77.0	\$78.0	\$78.5
National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund (Title IX Fund)	\$33.0	\$36.0	\$33.0
IOOS Regional Observations	\$39.0	\$40.5	\$40.0
Protected Resources Science and Mgmt.	\$200.664	\$208.655	\$203.664

#### Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

(Includes EPA, US Geologic Survey, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.)

Program	FY20 Final	FY21 House	FY21 Senate
USGS – Coastal Hazards	\$40.46	\$41.0	\$40.51
BEACH Act grants	\$9.38	\$10.0	\$9.238
BOEM – MMS	\$5.7	\$8.7	\$11.781

### How the election impacts coastal policy, politics



In a joint “Capitol Beach” and “WaterLog” podcast, the American Shoreline Podcast Network’s full Washington DC team — Derek Brockbank, Howard Marlowe, and Dan Ginolfi — join forces to provide perspective and analysis on how the election results will impact federal coastal policy and politics in 2021 and beyond, as well as in the remaining weeks of 2020. From federal agencies to key changes in the House of Representatives, coastal policy will be wading into new waters in 2021, and you’ll hear it here first. Listen at: <https://asbpa.org/2020/11/11/election-impacts-on-coastal-policy-and-politics/> ❖

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lished, as well as new, projects for the 2021 Best Restored Beaches Award.

The Committee will evaluate the nomination based on your responses to these questions. Please feel free to expand on or describe in more depth what efforts were required.

To meet submission deadlines, all nominations must be sent electronically to [Bestrestoredbeach@asbpa.org](mailto:Bestrestoredbeach@asbpa.org) by April 30, 2021. Go to <http://asbpa.org/about-us/awards-program/> to submit your nomination. A nomination checklist is available at [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org). We encourage all applicants to use this form to make sure their application is complete.

Nomination packages must contain the following:

1. Nominator's contact information (name, address, phone, fax, email).
2. The name and contact information for the nominee's public affairs specialist who will be coordinating with the media for press releases, etc.
3. Project location map.
4. The name of the project manager and the construction contractor. If consulting firms were used in the design and/or permitting, provide the consulting firm's principal scientist, biologist, ecologist or and/or engineer as appropriate.
5. Project narrative, including the following:
  - a. Effectiveness and Purpose. Describe the primary objective(s) of the project and any secondary objectives. Discuss the effectiveness of the project in meeting both primary and any secondary goals.
  - b. Design features including constraints and challenges. The nominee should provide a comprehensive description of the design. Identify the issues influenced design.
  - c. Construction Methods. The nominee should provide a description of, construction methods. Projects



Norriego Point in Destin, Florida, one of the 2020 Best Restored Beach winners.

with innovative design and construction methods that were effective and able to meet project's purposes will be favored.

d. Funding. Describe the funding sources and how any obstacles or hurdles were overcome. Projects with public / private partnerships and monitoring to document project performance success will be favored.

6. Several professional-quality color photographs of the restored beach with release (tourist development councils and local resorts are good sources for photos of this quality). Include before and after restoration photographs.

7. A statement about why you consider this project is Best Restored Beach in the United States. (It is important to let the Committee know that you are passionate about your project and that the restoration project was a benefit to the shoreline habitat).

8. Quantified outcomes (benefits resulting from the successfully executed project) are especially helpful.

9. Please include beach nourishment data for your current project, and historic beach nourishments, to include volume (cubic yards), cost, and length of shoreline restored. Your project will be added to our online geodatabase: <https://gim2.aptime.com/ASBPANationwideRenourishment/>

Winners will be notified in advance. ASBPA will prepare press releases to notify the media of the winner. Winners must agree to provide press releases to their local

media and arrange for a representative to be present at the 2022 ASBPA Coastal Summit in Washington D.C. or participate in the virtual Coastal Summit if an in person meeting is not conducted in order to accept the award.

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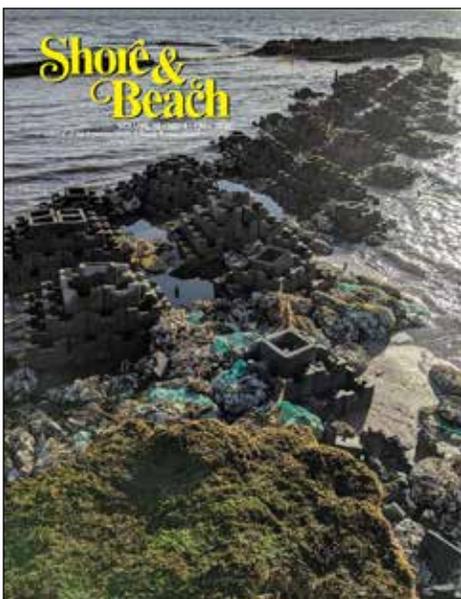
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