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SOS Files Brief with United States Supreme Court

BAY CITY, Michigan – August 26, 2002 – Save Our Shoreline announces that on Monday, August 26, 2002, its attorneys in Washington D.C. filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court on behalf of SOS in the case of Borden Ranch Partnership v. United States Army Corps of Engineers, Supreme Court No. 01-1243. The case involves the issue of whether the use of a farm plow which is used in so-called “deep ripping” violates the Clean Water Act.

“If the Supreme Court holds that the use of a plow in that case does not violate the law, then it would follow that our use of beach rakes and plows does not violate the law,” said Ernie Krygier, President. “On the other hand, even if the court found that the plowing in that case violated the law, that holding would not necessarily mean that beach maintenance was prohibited. The plow in that case goes three to seven feet into the soil, but our beach plows only go into the sand a few inches,” he said.

“The Borden case represented a unique opportunity to address our issue quickly and at the highest level of our legal system,” said David Powers, a director of Save Our Shoreline and an attorney who participated in drafting the brief. “By this brief, we are letting the Supreme Court know that their decision on this issue may affect every beach in the United States, which would have a substantial impact on our nation’s economy.”

According to a Corps of Engineers’ study released in 2002, travel and tourism is our nation’s largest industry, our largest employer, and our largest earner of foreign exchange, and beaches are the largest factor in tourism. See Houston, The Economic Value of Beaches—A 2002 Update, at <www.virginia shoreandbeach.com/valu.htm>.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation committed to the preservation of beaches and waterfront areas, and to the protection of rights to maintain beaches and waterfront areas. Those interested in Save Our Shoreline can find more information at <<http://www.saveourshoreline.org/>> or by calling (989) 667-2910. For more information about this press release, contact Ernie Krygier at (989) 793-3711.

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