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SOS meets with Corps' new Commander

BAY CITY, Michigan – September 20, 2002 – On Friday, September 20, 2002 four members of Save Our Shoreline met with Lieutenant Colonel Tom Magness and approximately ten of his staff at his office in Detroit. The Lieutenant Colonel provided SOS a full opportunity to present its issues. He was very cordial and attentive to the SOS presentation. Unfortunately some of his staff seemed hostile to the SOS delegation, and Chief Enforcement Officer Don Reinke stormed out of the meeting after only about six minutes. It was clear that the Lieutenant Colonel did not want to engage in any discussion about beach maintenance but would only hear SOS' views. At the conclusion of the meeting, Lieutenant Colonel Magness asked the SOS members what they would like to see the Corps do. First and foremost, SOS indicated that they sought the government's dismissal of the case against Caseville retirees Herb and Marion Kincaid. SOS also encouraged the Corps to take appropriate action to allow beach grooming up to four inches into the beach sand.

SOS was pleased to have the assistance and input by phone from Congressman Jim Barcia. Congressman Barcia preceded the SOS presentation with a 20 minute summary which indicated he was well versed on the issues and that he was in full support of the goals of SOS.

At one point in the meeting, Lieutenant Colonel Magness indicated that his District merely responds to orders, and as a result, SOS is committed to identify and consult with his superiors in the Corps.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of over 1,500 households 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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