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State Senator James Barcia, Representative Brian Palmer Will Be Keynote Speakers at Save Our Shoreline Second Annual Meeting.

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Save Our Shoreline is pleased to announce that State Senator James Barcia and Representative Brian Palmer will be the keynote speakers at Save Our Shoreline's Annual Meeting to take place next Thursday, August 21, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the John Glenn High School Auditorium, 3201 Kiesel, Bay City, Michigan. A former Congressman, Barcia now serves as the Senate's minority whip, while Palmer serves as the House majority whip. Palmer led the Shoreline Maintenance Bill, 14 PA 2003, through the State House, while Barcia led the bill through the Senate. The bill passed one vote short of unanimous and was signed into law June 4, 2003.

The Annual Meeting will also feature Rep. Jennifer Elkins (D); Rep. Tom Meyer (R); and Rep. Dale Sheltrown (D), co-sponsors of the legislation who were influential advocates in the bill's passage.

The annual meeting will highlight the young organization's heady accomplishments which culminated in the Shoreline Maintenance Bill. Other accomplishments include commentary from members of the U.S. Supreme Court as a result of an amicus brief SOS filed with the Court; a congressional committee directive to the Corps of Engineers to work with shoreline owners and adopt a regional permit for beach maintenance; the Corps' development of a one-page permit form; the unconditional dismissal of litigation against beach resident Marian Kincaid brought by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and a unanimous resolution from the Michigan legislature directed to the President of the United States, to Congress, and to the Corps of Engineers, requesting that they align federal regulatory efforts with Michigan's new law.

The organization will also outline its future goals and strategies, including the establishment of a political action committee; work toward a change in federal law and/or regulatory enforcement, and a litigation and public relations strategy to clarify riparian rights in Michigan, including ownership to the water's edge.

The Annual Meeting will also include an election of officers and the presentation of a "special tribute" from the Michigan legislature recognizing SOS and its leaders for "model citizenship," whose actions "deserve the respect and recognition of all of Michigan."

Two days later, on Saturday, August 23, at 9:30 a.m., Save Our Shoreline will bring its meeting to the Caseville School Auditorium, 6609 Vine Street, Caseville. The meeting will mirror the Annual Meeting, but without the election of officers.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of over 1,800 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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