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Save Our Shoreline Responds to Recent Corps General Permit for Commercial Properties.

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Save Our Shoreline has recently learned that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a General Permit for commercial properties, authorizing them to groom up to 25% of their shoreline. Save Our Shoreline opposed the proposed permit as accomplishing too little for Michigan's commercial beaches, and continues to reject the move as ineffective.

"This is an action that no one asked for, no one wanted, and few will benefit from," said SOS President Ernie Krygier. "It was done solely for the Corps' own public relations, and the timing of the permit, so it hits the weekend newspapers, is the proof," said Krygier.

The move by the Corps is in stark contrast to Michigan's beach grooming law passed in 2003, which authorized grooming on 50% of most commercial properties. "The Corps wants to compromise further the compromise reached last year," said Krygier. In addition to the opposition of SOS, the general permit was opposed by the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce, among others, who encouraged the Corps to adopt the 50% compromise. A copy of the Chamber's letter is available upon request.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of nearly 2000 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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