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Traverse City Area Shoreline Owners Reject DEQ's Plan for Six Foot Paths

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About two hundred area residents overflowed an MDEQ meeting room Wednesday evening in Traverse City at a hearing scheduled by the MDEQ to introduce its proposal for a general permit to replace the beach grooming law, portions of which expire in June. The meeting was conducted by MDEQ Director Steven Chester, and both he and other MDEQ employees attempted to answer questions from shoreline owners concerned that the MDEQ's new proposal would not be enough to preserve their beaches.

“Traverse City shoreline owners today made an important statement that I think came through loud and clear: they want to maintain their beaches,” said SOS President Ernie Krygier. “Just think of the crowd that would have shown up if they would have had the hearing in the summer,” he said.

Legislative hearings on the issue have concluded, and negotiations have started in an attempt to reach a compromise on the beach grooming issue. “Director Chester and others on his staff seem genuinely interested in addressing our concerns in a way that also protects the environment, and we are optimistic that a resolution can be reached to help residents yet this summer,” said Krygier.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of over 3200 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 <[Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)> or by calling (989) 667-2910. For more information about this press release, contact Ernie Krygier at (989) 793-3711.

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