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SAVE OUR SHORELINE PRESS RELEASE

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Save Our Shoreline announces today that a committee of the Michigan Senate today approved a bill that would allow Great Lakes shoreline owners to groom their beaches without permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Senate Bill 1052 would clarify that beach grooming is not regulated under Michigan law. The bill now goes to the Michigan Senate for full consideration.

"This bill is the product of twelve years of work, and accomplishes--at the state level--what we set out to do in 2001," said Ernie Krygier, President.

"We've seen what twelve years of failed MDEQ policy has given us: phragmites everywhere. It is time to take away the roadblocks to getting rid of it," Krygier said.

Thanks to its legal fund, SOS was able to assist the bill's sponsor, Senator Tom Casperson of Escanaba, with the legal help needed to draft the bill and move it through the committee. Several SOS members testified in favor of the bill, including Krygier of Bay City, Joseph McBride of Caseville, Chuck Groya of Bay City, and SOS attorney David Powers of Linwood.

The bill next goes to the full senate for consideration. If passed, it will then move to the Michigan House, and if approved, to Governor Snyder's desk for signature.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of approximately 3,000 households committed to the preservation of beaches and waterfront areas, and to the protection of riparian rights, including the right 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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