The Texas Chapter of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association became a unified organization during the past 81st Texas Legislative Session. There were three instances where the Texas Chapter requested support of certain bills or amendments for windstorm insurance, CEPRA funding, and the Open Beaches Act.

There was a Windstorm Insurance Rally on May 5 on the Capitol steps. Emails were sent to all the members to encourage everyone to come to Austin to promote favorable windstorm insurance for the Texas coastal residential and commercial properties. Corpus Christi led the charge with their state representatives and senators with the theme “Don’t Kill the Texas Coast – One State, One Economy”. We had members from South Padre, Port Aransas, Rockport, Surfside, Galveston, Jefferson, and more – about 150 people gathered on the Capitol steps to show support for a windstorm insurance bill that would benefit all Texans.

HB 770 was a real concern to the General Land Office (GLO) and all Texas coastal communities as a violation of the Texas Open Beaches Act. Emails went out to all members to request that the governor veto this bill. It was a unified effort but the governor decided not to veto the bill.

The GLO wanted to add an amendment to HB 2387 to raise $38 million for CEPRA VI. We requested members to make contact with legislators to support the amendment, which did not pass. It was great to see how member community came together to support the GLO’s efforts.

The Texas Chapter had two meetings so far this year: February 25 in Austin where 80 people attended, and one on June 4 in Galveston, where 90 people were in attendance. The Galveston meeting was our annual one with elections of board members and officers and the meeting coincided with the General Land Office’s Texas Coastal 2009 Conference with the theme “Caring for the Coast” on June 5. The ASBPA allowed the Texas Chapter to use their display table at the conference and we advertised for membership in the organization plus the Texas Chapter.

— Jerry Mohn, President of Texas Chapter ASBPA
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Editor’s Letter

Dear Coastal:

Greetings and welcome to the latest edition of the ASBPA Texas Chapter Newsletter. There have been a few changes in the works, and we now have a new group behind the production of the Newsletter.

First, I want to thank Rob Kite who has been the driving force behind this publication for the past several years. His hard work, commentary and dedication to the Texas Coastal community provided a strong framework for the Newsletter. We appreciate all of his efforts to deliver quality by engaging the community for input and building the Newsletter into a valuable resource.

Oversight of the Newsletter is now done by several members: Cris Weber, Jayne McClure, and Rhonda Cummins. We will be soliciting input, from everyone, with requests for articles, topics of interest, and other assistance as we move forward. So please try to understand when we are nagging, harping, and pestering everyone for submissions. We’re simply trying to keep the Newsletter current, relevant, educational, and entertaining.

Regards.

Operation: Target Trash

AUSTIN — The 23rd Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at 28 sites along the Texas coast.

“‘It’s time to mobilize the Adopt-A-Beach troops and target trash on Texas beaches,’” said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. “With nearly 10,000 volunteers, the Adopt-A-Beach army is a force to be reckoned with in the fight to keep our beaches clean.”

Patterson urged Adopt-A-Beach volunteers to wear shoes, a hat and sunscreen and be ready to spend the day with other Texans who love the beach. Volunteers will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. Most sites along the coast conclude the day’s cleanup with cold drinks, hot food and lots of fun.

Volunteers can register at any of 27 check-in sites between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Sept. 26. Volunteers must pre-register for the St. Jo Island location in advance, as reservations are required due to limited access. Volunteers for St. Jo Island will check in on September 26 at 8 a.m. at Fisherman’s Wharf, 900 Tarpon St., in Port Aransas.

Volunteers may register on-line at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or become a fan of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program on Facebook. Texans who can’t make it to the beach but still want to support the volunteer effort can make a tax-deductible donation online at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org. Sponsorship levels range from $25 to $25,000.

For a complete listing of cleanup sites for the upcoming Fall Cleanup, to learn how you can participate, or for additional information on the Adopt-A-Beach Program, please visit www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST.

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Emergency Beach Nourishment: Galveston Seawall

GALVESTON — In September 2008, Hurricane Ike caused major erosion of the beach fronting the Galveston Seawall (see Figure 1). This beach, a popular tourist attraction, is an important source of revenue for Galveston and further serves to protect the seawall and the city. With little to no beach left after the storm, it was feared that the tourism industry would suffer greatly and future storms would pose a greater threat to the city.

In response to these concerns, the Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston and the Texas General Land Office acted quickly to repair the beach. In September 2008, they issued an emergency beach nourishment contract in order to replace as much sand as possible with available funds. The entire project had to be completed prior to sea turtle nesting season, which started April 1 (work on beach projects after this date is generally not allowed in order to protect turtles and their offspring from heavy construction equipment).

The initial hope of the project was to nourish the beach continuously from 10th street to 61st street, matching the large-scale nourishment project constructed in 1995. However, with April 1st quickly approaching, there was not enough time to obtain proper permits, design, dredge, and place the sand on such a large scale.

Instead, a decision was made to place the available sand over higher-priority, historically popular sections of the beach. The final construction plan nourished the beach continuously along three sections: 61st street to Sais drive, 42nd street to 28th street, and 21st street to 16th street. Still, the timeframe for completion would be short compared to a typical beach nourishment project.

Because mobilizing dredging equipment required three weeks of valuable time, a sand “backpassing” plan was immediately put into action. Sand was

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Emergency Beach Nourishment (Cont’d)

scraped off the top layer of the nearby Stewart Beach and East Beach and trucked to the seawall (see Figures 2, 3, and 4). By scraping these beaches, approximately 90,000 cubic yards of sand was collected and more than 2,200 feet of beach was nourished before dredging even began.

After backpassing, the majority of the sand was dredged from the South Jetty Borrow Area located on the south side of the Galveston Entrance Channel. The borrow sand was discharged into a temporary dredged material placement area (DMPA) located on East Beach (see Figure 5). At the DMPA, the dredged material was dewatered and sun-bleached which resulted in a large stock pile of beach quality sand. The material was then excavated, trucked to the beach along the seawall, and placed as beach nourishment.

The project was mostly completed by spring break and fully completed by summer time. In the end, approximately 500,000 cubic yards of sand was placed. The nourishment resulted in a 70 to 100-foot wide beach similar to what existed prior to Hurricane Ike.

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The project has been considered a great success. Galveston regained an important section of beach and made an important step forward on the road to recovery after Hurricane Ike. Locals and vacationers alike enjoyed a restored, beautiful Texas beach this summer (see Figure 6).

The Park Board has decided to construct a smaller supplemental beach nourishment project that will target areas that did not receive as much sand from the emergency beach nourishment. This project will begin after turtle nesting season is over on October 1, 2009.

- Ronny McPherson
  HDR Engineering, Inc.

**Operation Target Trash (Cont’d)**

The success of the Adopt-A-Beach Program is made possible not only by the generous efforts of tens of thousands of volunteers, but through the generous donations of community leaders and sponsors statewide. Shell Oil Company is the lead cleanup sponsor for 2009. Other statewide sponsors are the Newfield Foundation, the Ocean Conservancy, Flint Hills Resources Community Action Council, Halliburton and Johnson Controls.

**WHO:** About 10,000 Texans who care about Texas beaches  
**WHAT:** 23rd Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup  
**WHERE:** 28 sites on the Texas coast — see www.TexasAdoptABeach.org for a complete listing  
**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26  
**WHY:** To keep Texas beaches clean and healthy
The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association recognizes that the shores, beaches and other coastal resources of America provide important quality-of-life assets within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. This Association is dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the beaches, shores and other coastal resources of America.

The Texas Chapter of ASBPA is dedicated to fulfilling this mission in the State of Texas. We are a member based advocacy organization. For more information on becoming a member, becoming a corporate sponsor, or becoming more active with the organization, please contact Jerry Mohn at the address to the left. Please remember to visit our website at www.texasasbpa.org for more frequent updates on coastal happenings and the Texas Chapter of ASBPA. If you have information to submit for the website or newsletter please contact Jerry Mohn.

Upcoming Events

**September 2009**
- September 24: Texas Chapter of the ASBPA. See Cover for Details.
- September 26: Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup. See page 2 for details.

**October 2009**
- October 14-16: ASBPA, National Coastal Conference. St. Pete Beach, FL.

**November 2009**

**December 2009**

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