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Subject: RE: Pawleys Island Renourishment

Elizabeth,

Thanks for the recap and for the Department's efforts to work with local officials on beach erosion. I believe Marshall and our General Counsel, Holly Pisarik, have a call scheduled for tomorrow.

Best,

Austin

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Austin -

Thank you for speaking with me this morning about the beachfront issues at Pawleys Island. As mentioned, the Department has worked extensively for months with Mayor Otis, and has authorized emergency sand scraping activities to provide temporary protection of structures along the beachfront under the existing emergency authorities that are granted the Department. Because the sand scraping activities will occur below mean high tide, an Army Corps of Engineers permit is needed. While we are coordinating with the Corps on this issue, we cannot control their timeline, information requirements, or waive their authority.

We are also working to expedite an individual permit that would allow sand scraping renourishment activities for additional properties at Pawleys Island that do not qualify under the emergency order, and therefore are not exempt from a permit. We received the application yesterday (January 19) and it will be placed on public notice today for 30 days.

I will make the Department's legal staff aware of the follow up call to discuss potential emergency declaration language and associated resource impacts per our conversation. I look forward to any future opportunities to discuss emergency responses along the beachfront, state and federal permitting requirements during these events, and opportunities to address the chronic, long-term erosional issues that affect many of our state's beaches.

Sincerely,
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