



North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association

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Congressman Walter B. Jones to Deliver Keynote Address at North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference in Atlantic Beach

Newly re-elected **Congressman Walter B. Jones**, from North Carolina's 3rd district, will deliver the keynote address at the 2002 annual conference of North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association (NCSBPA). The Congressman will speak during the conference luncheon on Tuesday, November 19, which is the second day of the conference. The luncheon will be sponsored jointly by Coastal Planning and Engineering, Inc. of Wilmington, NC and Boca Raton, FL and Eastern North Carolina's Touchstone Energy Electric Cooperatives.

Congressman Jones has long been a champion of the rights of farmers, landowners, and fishermen. He has led the fight to prevent oil drilling off the North Carolina coast, he helped secure \$3 million to combat pfiesteria outbreaks on the Neuse River, and he has been active in improving water quality by protecting our nation's most sensitive wetlands. Congressman Jones has also introduced important legislation pertaining to the beneficial use of dredged material, designed to ensure that beach-quality sand from federal navigation

projects ends up being placed back on adjacent beaches and not dumped miles offshore.

“The Ecology and Economy of North Carolina’s Beaches” is the timely title of this 4th annual conference hosted by NCSBPA. The event will be open for onsite registration and visiting sponsors’ exhibits at 11:00am on **Monday, November 18**. The program begins that day at 1:00pm and runs through 5:00pm on **Tuesday, November 19** at the **Sheraton Atlantic Beach** which is situated at Mile Marker 4.5 in Atlantic Beach near its border with Pine Knoll Shores. The central location of this **Bogue Banks** site should provide ease of access for all the owners of our public beaches, the citizens of North Carolina. Information on advance registration, hotel accommodations and the updated program can be found on our website at <http://www.ncshoreandbeach.org>.

North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve, restore and preserve North Carolina’s public beaches, a most beneficial renewable resource. NCSBPA is governed by a diverse, coastwide board of directors which counts state and local officials, academicians, engineers, economists, geologists and other scientists among its members. The NCSBPA website can be found at <http://www.ncshoreandbeach.org>.

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Any member of the working press wishing to attend the conference need only contact Executive Director Harry Simmons by email at ncsbpa@mindspring.com in advance or at his cell phone number 910-200-7867 up until the morning of the event.

We’ll be happy to arrange for your **credentials** and provide any additional background information that you might need.
