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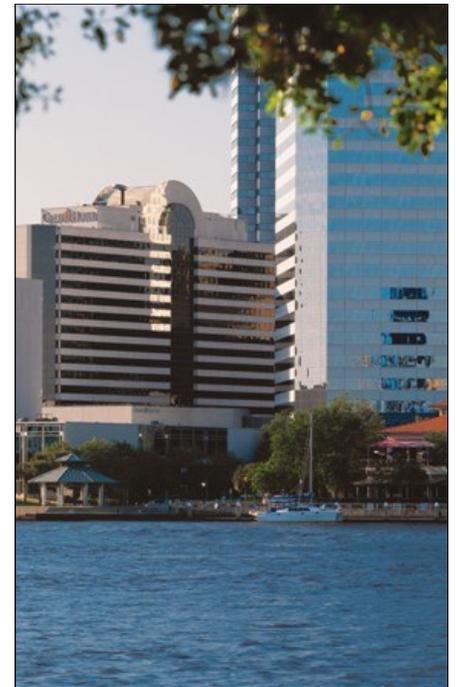
February 13-15 * Jacksonville, Florida

Mark your calendar for the 26th annual Tech Conference which will be held February 13-15 at the downtown Omni Jacksonville. This is our second conference recently held in Jacksonville and we look forward to you joining us! The Omni is across the street from the Jacksonville Landing and the Riverwalk which offers a wide choice and range of eating establishments as well as night life.

Initial conference registration, important dates, and hotel information are on the Association's website at www.fsbpa.com/techconference.htm. Early [conference registration](#) ends **January 11, 2013**.

Hotel reservations at the Omni Jacksonville are available at the group rate of \$129 single/double and reservations can be made [online](#). The deadline for hotel reservations is also **January 11, 2013**.

Development of the conference program is in full gear! Immediately following the abstract deadline, the abstract package went out to the 13-member Planning Committee for their yearly review and scoring exercise.



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This is no small task given the number and quality of presentation abstracts received for this important conference. As conference organizer, FSBPA anticipates compiling the scoring by the first of November. We will then work with the three-member Executive Committee to finalize the technical program by mid-November. As in years past, we expect that the final program will be based on a blend of scoring by the Planning Committee and a small grouping of timely and important topics. We already anticipate a session or two devoted to hardbottom and mitigation, as well as presentations from the Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers including the technical aspects of the Southeast Florida Sand Availability & Needs Determination (SAND) Study and draft guidance related to sea level rise for federal shore protection projects.

The full program will be included in the December issue of Shoreline. *Conference brochures will be mailed in late November/early December.*

2013 Conference Planning Committee and Lisa Armbruster, FSBPA

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GOVERNMENTAL UPDATE



It is a bit too early to start fine-tuning our governmental affairs agenda for 2013. The late start is solely related to the absence of fall committee meetings. The Organizational Session of the Florida Legislature is not until after the election, and will be on November 20, 2012. This brief governmental update is to get us focused and directed toward 2013 with more detail to be provided in future *Shorelines*.

As most of you know, FSBPA has a separate “local governments only” advocacy program, affectionately known as BeachWatch.

Its annual “State of the Beaches Update” and invoice for membership were recently mailed. The update stressed just how critically-important it is for FSBPA, our local governments, professional/industry members, and individual supporters to stay visible and continue to be recognized as an “effective voice on behalf of Florida’s beaches.” This takes on added importance following an election with the change in legislative leadership and a significant number of new lawmakers. Our coalition of interests has been quite successful over the years getting the simple message regarding the importance of beaches to Florida’s future heard by decision-makers. That said it is not getting any easier.

Regardless of the ultimate detail, be assured our legislative strategy for the coming year will primarily focus on appropriations for statewide beach and inlet management projects and a corresponding adequate level of funding to match local and federal cost-sharing. For the current fiscal year (2012-13), we came very close to the statutorily-intended annual funding of \$30 million despite the poor recovery of the ‘beaches’ dedicated revenue source (documentary stamp tax) and the recent reliance on increasingly scarce general revenue dollars. This number will continue to be our stated objective for 2013. Of course, during next year’s session, we will monitor and track all Chapter 161 legislation, all other beach-related amendments, and trust fund and doc stamp provisions or bills. We will also keep an eye on anticipated additional regulatory reform proposals

There are an unusual number of current or potential issues outside of the legislative arena that the Board of Directors has committed staff resources to address. It is quite a mix of challenging issues and activities that we will bring to your further attention. Briefly, they include ■ the ongoing involvement of FSBPA in the major rewrite of Rule 62B-36, the Beach Management Funding Assistance Program, and our anticipated participation in subsequent formal rule-making ■ facilitating the involvement of our five Southeast Florida counties in the cooperative Corps/DEP SAND Study to promote regional sand source management ■ examining options/alternatives to sustain the federal/state funding partnership and cost-sharing in Florida’s beach program ■ examining proposed regulatory changes affecting local government permitting responsibilities and project costs ■ reviewing and assessing the impact of the “Legacy” land acquisition constitutional amendment initiative on doc stamp revenue allocations for beaches.

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There will no doubt be changes and additions to this list and governmental agenda for FSBPA for the coming year. You can be confident each issue will be discussed with BeachWatch and general membership.

Lisa Armbruster, Director of FSBPA Governmental Affairs, Diana Ferguson, Legislative Services (Rutledge & Ecenia), and I look forward to continuing to represent your interests in legislative and agency (FDEP and Corps of Engineers) matters in 2013 through membership in the Association.

Debbie Flack (10/22/12)

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FSBPA'S LEADERSHIP FOR 2013

THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICERS

FSBPA's Officers for the coming year, as recommended by the Board of Directors and voted upon by the general membership are:

Charlie Hunsicker (Manatee County): Chair

Steve Boutelle (Lee County): Vice-Chair

Richard Bouchard (St. Lucie County): Secretary/Treasurer

These officers and the past chair, **Don Donaldson** (Martin County), will serve as the **Executive Committee** for 2013.



Charlie Hunsicker
Chair, 2013

MEET OUR NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIR

Charlie Hunsicker
Director, Natural Resources Department
Manatee County

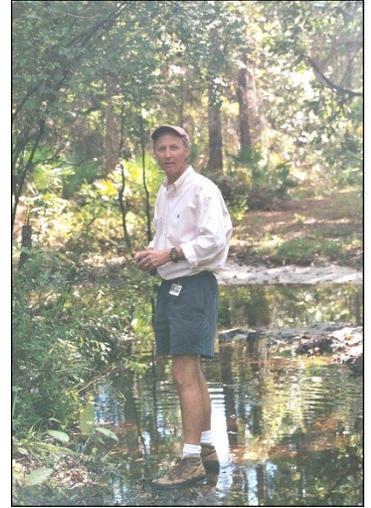
Charlie Hunsicker was elected Chair of the Association at its September 27th General Membership Meeting for Calendar Year 2013. He is in his second term on the Board and is currently Vice-Chair, and has been part of FSBPA's Executive Committee for the past two years.

During his a 32-year career with Manatee County Government, Charlie has been involved in a variety of environmental issues. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University.

Reporting to the County Administrator, he is currently the Director for Manatee County's Natural Resources Department with 30 employees with three divisions. The Resource Management Division is responsible for over 30,000 acres of County conservation preserve lands, coastal resources, and recreational boating facilities. The Environmental Protection Division is responsible for monitoring the County's surface and groundwater resources, air quality, and permitting for phosphate mining and mineral extraction. The Volunteer/Education Division is responsible for outreach programs in the preserves, including volunteer restoration events and recreational field trips. Mr. Hunsicker directs the beach renourishment program for Anna Maria Island's nine miles of sandy beach. Mr. Hunsicker is also responsible for development of environmental grants from state and federal sources benefiting Manatee County, and serves as the County Commission's congressional liaison.

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In Charlie's words, "FSBPA has a storied history of advocacy for member interests with the Governor's Office and key state agencies, the Florida legislature, the ACOE and it's consulting federal agencies. This role was especially evident during the past year in discussions with senior FDEP officials in forming the revisions to Rule 62B-36, Florida Administrative Code and comments submitted in multiple sessions on FDEP's Beach Management Agreement concept. As Chair and member of your Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, I will work to enable this quality advocacy to continue, with support from you the members of FSBPA and others of our larger "beach community". As incoming Chair, I also want to express my immeasurable appreciation for our capable FSBPA staff, who continue to guide our organization under the highest fiduciary standards and personal commitment to keep us moving forward as one of the most successful associations in the state."



THE ASSOCIATION'S INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virginia Barker, Brevard County
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Brian Flynn, Miami-Dade County
James Gray, Indian River County
James Houston
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Bill Smith, Town of Indian Shores
Marty Smithson, Sebastian Inlet Tax District
Jim Trifilio, Okaloosa County
Leanne Welch, Palm Beach County

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FSBPA is pleased to welcome three new members to the Board of Directors for the coming calendar year. In all cases, it will be the first time for each to serve as a board member. Dr. James Houston will be in our single customary seat for academic/scientific experts. James Gray, Coastal Engineer for Indian River County, will be a governmental director for the 2013-15 term as well. Both were favorably considered at FSBPA's General Membership Meeting on September 27, 2012 in Naples, Florida. Additionally and because of the resignation of long-time board member Steve Higgins, Marty Smithson, Director of the Sebastian Inlet District, was chosen by the Board at its meeting on September 26, to serve the final year of Steve's term.

Now let's introduce our distinguished new board members!

Dr. James Houston

Dr. James R. Houston is Director Emeritus, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Corps of Engineers. He retired as ERDC Director in 2010 after being the first ERDC Director from 2000 to 2010 and Director of Corps' R&D from 2006 to 2010. From 1986 to 2000 he was Director, Coastal Engineering Research Center, and Director, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory. He has an MS degree in Coastal Engineering and a PhD in Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida. Dr. Houston is a recipient of the National Beach Advocacy Award from FSBPA and the Morrrough P. O'Brien Award from ASBPA. He has over 150 publications in coastal engineering. He and his wife, Fran, live half time in Jacksonville, FL, and half time working at ERDC in Vicksburg, MS.



"Florida has the Nation's best preserved and restored beaches a result of FSBPA's efforts. FSBPA's conferences have played a key role in exchange of best practices and development of beach preservation technology."

James Gray



James grew up in New Jersey where, at an early age he was first exposed to the science of coastal engineering. While visiting a jobsite with his Father in Bradley Beach, New Jersey, he witnessed the construction of an erosion control device and subsequent beach nourishment project. This experience is what inspired his passion for ocean engineering.

James holds a Master's degree in Engineering Management and Bachelor's degree in Ocean Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology.

Since 2002, James has served as Coastal Engineer for Indian River County. He is responsible for managing and implementing Indian River County's 22.4 mile beach preservation program. His responsibilities include design evaluation, securing and administering State funding, project bidding, construction oversight of beach restoration, dune maintenance, and shoreline stabilization projects.

"I am truly honored to represent FSBPA. We all play a vital role in preserving and maintaining Florida's coastline for future generations and I hope to provide a continuation of FSBPA's positive impact on Florida's beaches."

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Martin S. Smithson

FSBPA's bylaws for board membership significantly overweight local governments and "other governmental entities." Both our annual Nominating and Executive Committees also give serious consideration to current need and emphasis with regard to Florida's beach management program and the Association. Marty is the perfect addition to the Board. Revisiting the importance of inlet management especially sand bypassing is most timely, and selection of the Sebastian Inlet District specifically acknowledges their long history of support of FSBPA. In Marty's own words, *"FSBPA creates an environment that adds value to and supports the coastal technology transfer efforts of its members and partner. Being a member of a professional organization where the most experienced and talented engineers and scientists are available to tackle our common missions makes the Inlet District's membership in the FSBPA priceless."*



Marty's technical career began after leaving graduate school in the mountains of Tennessee in 1978 to teach Marine Science/Oceanography in a private school in the U.S. Virgin Islands. After a couple of years in paradise, he then worked for Olin Chemicals Corporation as an Environmental Scientist working around the country before moving to Florida in 1986. In Florida, his past 26 years have been focused on the Indian River Lagoon in several capacities: Water Resources Director in private consulting, Director of Brevard County's first stormwater utility, Director of the IRL National Estuary Program, and Director of the Sebastian Inlet District for the past 8 years.



In 2007, the District dredged a 3,120 ft. channel to connect the inlet with the ICW, a feat that had many stalled attempts dating back to 1938. In the last five years the District Commission has worked cooperatively with Indian River County and placed more than 500,000 cubic yards of sand on downdrift beaches. "I continue to be awestruck by the complexities and dynamics of the coastal system. I am proud to be part of the FSBPA family of folks that work so diligently to keep Florida's greatest economic engine in tune."

Marty lives in Melbourne with his wife LeAnn where they have raised three children and he pursues his passions in fishing, boating and golf.

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2012 Annual Conference Award Winners

Presented during the Awards Banquet, Thursday, September 27, 2012

There was another group of stellar award winners and we also presented a special gift to our “Sandman”, Senator Dennis Jones, District 13, Pinellas County.



Stan Tait Award

“For setting the standard of excellence and commitment to statewide beach management, Martin County beaches, and this Association throughout your outstanding career in public service”

Don Donaldson, P.E.



Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award

“For outstanding contributions to the preservation of Florida’s beaches, one beach or inlet management project at a time”

Michael Stephen, Ph.D., P.G.



Jim Purpura/T.Y. Chiu Engineering Award

“For outstanding contributions to coastal engineering and scientific research that enhances the management and preservation of Florida’s beaches”

Kenneth K. Humiston, P.E.



The Richard Bonner Award

For outstanding service by an individual representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the Country, State of Florida, and Bay County

John Crane, USACE-Mobile District



Public Service Award

“For your distinguished career in public service and professionalism on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Florida, and Brevard County”

Oswaldo Rodriguez



Legislative Award

“For an outstanding legislative record in support of the preservation of Florida’s beaches, and an improved regulatory framework for their effective management”

Representative Jimmy Patronis

District 6, The Florida House Of Representatives

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Dennis L. Jones Statesman Award

“For outstanding leadership and public policy commitment to the preservation and management of Florida’s beaches”

Senator Jack Latvala

District 16, The Florida Senate



FSBPA’s special presentation to Senator Dennis Jones

(Ceremonial bill, HB691, retitling Chapter 161, The Dennis L. Jones Beach & Shore Preservation Act)

From Senator Jones’ thank you to the Association:

“I can’t thank you and the Association enough for the beautiful framed and signed remembrance of this past session. I am so proud of the work WE have done over the years. This is a perfect way to end my legislative career and will have a place of honor in our home.”

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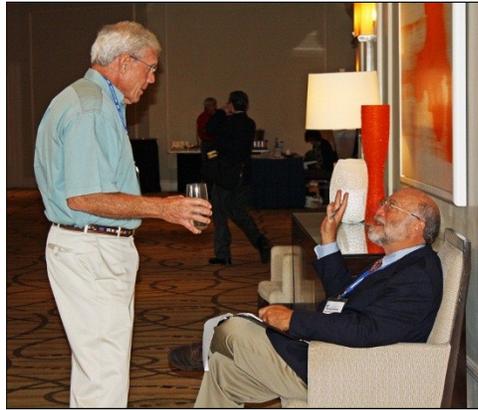
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of Engineers

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Emergency Rehabilitation Process for Federal Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Projects — 2012 Efforts

The Chief of Engineers, acting for the Secretary of the Army, has authority under PL 84-99, Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE) (33 U.S.C. 701n) (69 Stat. 186) for emergency management activities. In addition to activities including disaster preparedness, flood response, rehabilitation of flood control works threatened or destroyed by flood, and provisions of emergency water due to drought or contamination, PL 84-99 also provides for the undertaking of protection or repair of federally authorized shore protective works threatened or damaged by coastal storms. The procedures for a Hurricane / Shore Protection Project (HSPP) to receive rehabilitation assistance under PL 84-99 are outlined in chapter 5-18 of Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 500-1-1 *CIVIL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - PROCEDURES*. EP 500-1-1 can be found at http://publications.usace.army.mil/publications/eng-pamphlets/EP_500-1-1/EP_500-1-1.pdf.

Following the 2004 and 2005 Hurricane seasons, many Federal Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (HSDR) projects in Florida qualified for FCCE funding to restore beaches back to pre-storm conditions. Currently Jacksonville District is undergoing an effort to determine if Federal HSDR projects along the Southwest Gulf Coast of Florida are eligible to receive FCCE funding for significant erosion caused by Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Isaac. Specifically it was Tropical Storm Debby, and the long duration of above average waves and water levels associated with it, that caused significant beach and dune erosion along portions of shoreline of several Federal projects.

Jacksonville District teams were sent out to conduct visual inspections and document storm erosion impacts on all of the Federal HSDR projects in the Southwest Florida region from June 29 – July 1, 2012, immediately following the passing of Tropical Storm Debby. A public notice was sent out to project sponsors on 30 July 2012 to determine if there were any non-federal sponsors seeking rehabilitation assistance associated with TS Debby. In response to this notice, requests for assistance were received for seven Federal project segments in 4 counties. The Jacksonville District is preparing Project Information Reports (PIRs) to determine if the following projects are eligible for FCCE funding.

- Pinellas County - Sand Key
- Pinellas County - Treasure Island
- Pinellas County - Long Key Segments
- Manatee County
- Sarasota County - Venice
- Lee County - Gasparilla
- Lee County - Captiva

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The determination for FCCE eligibility made in the PIR's must follow the general policies for HSPP projects outlined in section 5-20 of Engineering Regulation (ER) 500-1-1, *Emergency Employment of Army and Other Resources CIVIL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM*. ER 500-1-1 can be found at http://publications.usace.army.mil/publications/eng-regs/ER_500-1-1/toc.htm.

Several important policies relevant to Federal beach nourishment in Florida that determine if a project will be eligible for FCCE funding are:

- *To be eligible for Rehabilitation Assistance, the HSPP must be substantially eroded/damaged by wind, wave, or water action of an other than ordinary nature. USACE defines this as an "extraordinary storm". An extraordinary storm is a storm that, due to length or severity, creates weather conditions that cause significant amounts of damage to a Hurricane/Shore Protection Project.*
- *"Significant amounts of damage" have occurred when:*
 - *the cost of the construction effort to effect repair of the HSPP or separable element thereof (exclusive of dredge mobilization and demobilization costs) exceeds one million dollars and is greater than two percent of the original construction cost (expressed in current day dollars) of the HSPP or separable element thereof; or,*
 - *the cost of the construction effort to effect repair of the HSPP or separable element thereof (exclusive of dredge mobilization and demobilization costs) exceeds six million dollars; or,*
 - *more than one-third of the planned or historically placed sand for renourishment efforts for the HSPP (or separable element thereof) is lost; or*
- *To be eligible for Rehabilitation Assistance, an HSPP must be a completed element of a Federally authorized hurricane or shore protective structure project, and repair/restoration to a pre-storm condition is necessary to allow for adequate functioning of the project. The proposed work must have a benefit to cost ratio greater than 1.0. Recreation benefits will not be used in the BCR calculation.*

The evaluation and determination process is expected to be complete in January 2013.

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Pre/Post Tropical Storm Debby Erosion Photos



Dune and beach erosion in the southern half of the Manatee County Federal Project caused by Tropical Storm Debby leaving coastal properties at risk of being damaged by future storms, compared to 2 months before TS Debby

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Post Debby beach erosion and dune obliteration in the Gasparilla project area near 1st Street compared to two months before the storm



Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems Photo Library now Available to the Public

by Gary Cook

How do you make a photo library containing 250,000 photos and slides of Florida’s beaches collected by engineers and field inspectors available to the public? It all started three years ago with the desire to preserve more than 40 years of photos electronically by scanning them onto a computer. Scanning the historical photos and slides would put them in a centralized location rather than being scattered in boxes and file cabinets throughout the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal System’s office. But how would this make it easier for coastal engineers and managers, as well as the public to find specific photos of interest? It quickly became apparent there was a need to organize the digital images by county, year, and even by location relative to the Department’s Range Monument system when available.

A searchable database was truly what we needed. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection applied to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a grant to pay for the programming and computer storage that would be required to develop the searchable database. NOAA recognized the value of making our historical photography available to the public and approved our grant. The challenges were we had one year to create the database and the searchable website, and to categorize and data enter the enormous volume of photos.

The screenshot shows the COASTS search interface. At the top, it says "COASTS - Collection of Aerials and Shoreline Trends System" and "Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems". There are logos for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and NOAA. A user greeting says "Hello, Guest! [Admin login]". On the left is a logo for the Florida Coastal Management Program. The search form includes the following fields: Category Name* (dropdown), County (dropdown), Permit Number (text), Storm (dropdown), From Year (dropdown), To Year (dropdown), Range Monument From (dropdown), and Range Monument To (dropdown). A "Search" button is at the bottom right of the form. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "DEP Home" and "About DEP".

COASTS Search Page

This is where the Department’s programmers came to the rescue. The programmers described how they could build the database by reading the file structure on the server. One folder would be the category; the next folder the county, then date and finally the file name. They quickly wrote a program to read the file structure and created the database. We didn’t have to type a name for anything—saving the Department months of tedious data entry. The programmers also created the searchable webpage. Today, we have the Collection of Aerial and Shoreline Trends System (COASTS) that satisfied the NOAA grant requirements and accomplished our goal of providing a method for engineers, researchers and the public to obtain images that were not previously available outside state offices.

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In addition to the ground snapshots taken by our field inspectors, we included other types of photography - aerials, videos taken after storms and oblique images taken from low flying helicopters to document beach conditions before and after a storm.



2006 Oblique in Palm Beach



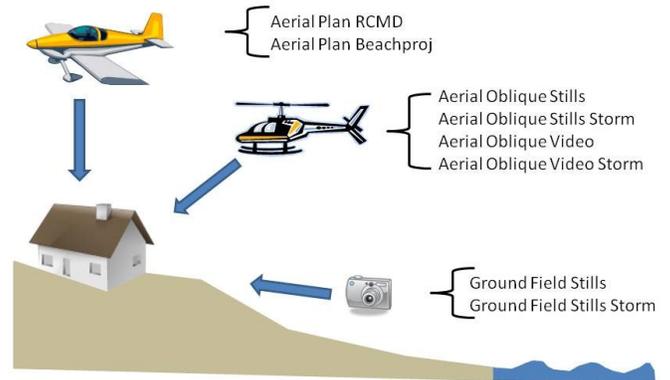
Ground Still of Post Dennis Storm Damage in Walton County

To narrow search results you should determine the Beaches and Coastal Systems Range Monument closest to your area of interest. That info can be found on our mapping website: <http://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=beaches>.

Engineering data, such as beach profiles collected by our surveyors, contours derived from LiDAR and survey control points will be added to COASTS in the near future.

For more information and instructions about using our COASTS search, visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/coastinstr.htm>.

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February 13-15, 2013

**2013 National Conference on
Beach Preservation Technology**

Omni Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL

September 25-27, 2013

FSBPA Annual Conference
Marriott Delray Beach, FL

OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

November 13-14, 2012

**Atlantic IntraCoastal Waterway
Association Annual Conference**

Charleston, SC

February 26-28, 2013

ASBPA National Coastal Summit

ASAE Conference Center, Washington, DC

October 22-25

ASBPA National Coastal Conference

South Padre Island, TX

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