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Local Named Chair of Statewide Association

Destin/Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., October 3, 2016 – The Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council is thrilled to announce that Coastal Management Coordinator, Jim Trifilio, was recently named Chair of the [Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association](#) (FSBPA). Trifilio has worked with the Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau (ECCVB) for over a decade and been a longtime member of FSBPA's Officers and Directors, most recently serving as Vice-Chair. He remains unwavering in his commitment to the restoration, sustainability, and natural beauty of the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast. This newly appointed seat positions Trifilio to further enrich the community and beaches of Okaloosa County, as well as all of Florida.

"During his longstanding career with us, Jim has demonstrated a tireless passion for ensuring that our beaches are among the most pristine and well-cared for in the world. We couldn't be more delighted for him to continue that leadership on a statewide level in this new role," said Darrel Jones interim Director of the ECCVB. The Coastal and Marine Management division under the ECCVB safeguards programs, people, and natural resources through multiple initiatives such as artificial reef programs, restoration projects, and ecotourism activities.



Originating in 1957, the FSBPA was founded by local government and university leaders who were concerned with the growing problem of statewide beach erosion. Since beginning, the organization has passed several landmark bills to create the State Department of Beaches and Shores and establish a research wave tank at the University of Florida. The FSBPA has spearheaded virtually every important component of Florida's beach preservation program, with over 200 miles of nourished beaches. The FSBPA also represents hundreds of private citizens concerned about beach preservation, providing them with a forum, access to resources, and timely information. This public-private partnership is vital for preserving Florida's beaches. The FSBPA works closely with local, state, and federal agencies to promote effective beach management, provide information to the Florida Legislature and Congress on beach preservation issues and funding, and educate public officials and the general public on the best ways to deal with beach erosion through numerous publications and conferences.

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