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Islander Owners,

Most are aware of the damage Hurricanes Irma and Nate have done to our beach. The Okaloosa Tourism Development Council (TDC) has funds in their budget to restore our beach. There are plans to dredge the East Pass and use excess sand from the dredging project to restore beaches in front of Jetty East, The Islander, and Inlet Reef. There is opposition to the plan in that there is a very vocal minority from Okaloosa Island who do not support the plan. In order to move forward with the before mentioned plan, please communicate with local Destin commissioners noted on page 2. You're also invited to join the "Holiday Isle Beach Renourishment Project 2017-2018" Facebook page, also on page 2, to stay abreast of current beach restoration information. The below is information from the latest Beach Renourishment Facebook page:

Wednesday October 25th a small team (Destin Mayor Scott Fischer, Larry Hines, and Rene Stephens) met with key individuals involved in our beach renourishment efforts, including Jennifer Adams (TDC Director), Jim Trifilio (TDC), and Matt Trammell from Taylor Engineering. Our purpose was to meet Jennifer and the team to continue discussions and idea exploration for short term and longer term beach support. The Corps Of Engineers is performing a sand survey now for East Pass dredging as part of the Norriego Point project. Based on that result, expected in the next couple of weeks, there is a chance we could get emergency sand pumped from the excess (if any) from what's needed at Norriego Point.

Regardless of any sand we may get from #1 above, it is possible a separate contract with the dredging company can be executed to extend the dredge site out past the jetties (currently the dredge is only projected to come out mid-Pass) to both replenish sand and clear the pass for boat traffic. Funding, permits, and arrangements for sand dredging are in place that allow for more rapid mobilization for beach renourishment. The decision to initiate a project rests with the County Commissioners. Our budding coalition has just begun to make our voices heard with the Commissioners, and supporters of ours have also connected directly with some of them to help influence this process. More of that will be needed as we encounter opposition. Opposition is likely to be loud and formidable, and as many Holiday Isle residents and/or owners as we can muster will be needed to attend future TDC and County Commissioner meetings, as well as write letters and make phone calls to make sure our voices are heard clearly above the opposition.

We are in somewhat of a holding period until more data is gathered. That gives us a bit of time to ensure we are organized effectively. A concerted effort to unify our message will be more impactful and we will be scheduling another coalition meeting for November 15, time and place TBD. Please continue to share information with fellow owners and encourage them to join our FB page and thank you for all you are doing in support of our unique and precious beaches!

Thanks for your attention. Restoration of our beach is of paramount importance. We hope to see you at the November 10th Owners dinner.

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