

19 Apr 2010

Harbor Island Board of Directors
Harbor Island, South Carolina 29920

Re: Environment Stewardship Committee Report, sand bagging

Board members:

The Environment Stewardship Committee respectfully requests that the HIOA Board consider the issue of sand bagging and scraping on Harbor Island. Our concern stems from the high volume of trash found on our beach as a result of this activity and the potential injury to the habitat of endangered species nesting on our beach, turtles and birds. In accordance with our charge we wish to raise awareness of this potential damaging activity.

It is our understanding that the only permits that have been issued for sand bagging or scraping on Harbor Island were issued on 19 September 2008 for thirty days with an extension issued on 26 September for an additional 30 days. The corresponding regulations require removal of all bagging material after a specific time frame. Current activities on Harbor Island raise questions about compliance with applicable law.

With a vote of eight to one with one not attending, the Environment Stewardship Committee requests that the HOIA Board take a position on seeking enforcement of existing policy.

Sincerely,

John R. Fisk
Chair Environment Stewardship Committee