

# Current State Regulations – Beach Bill

- ORS 390.640
  - A permit is required for any improvement or alteration on the ocean shore that is located seaward of the line of vegetation.
  - OPRD administer a permit program that protects private property, while considering and mitigating potential effects on the beach environment, setting and recreational use
- OPRD BEACH CONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION RULESS
  - Implement the statutory mandates in ORS 390 to:
    - Protect and preserve the scenic and recreational values and public rights in the ocean shore
    - Permit certain types of development according to standards of review
    - Grant emergency permits where property is in imminent peril of destruction by the Pacific Ocean or natural forces.

# OPRD Management Issues:

- Increased coastal erosion –
  - Lower beach elevations- sand deficiencies
  - Loss of protective dunes-Neskowin, Pacific City, Nedonna Beach
  - Mass wasting of BPS structures
  - Increasing costs to maintain BPS
- More beachfront protective structure (BPS) Permits
  - Rockaway, Twin Rocks
- Increasing “Request for Repair” permits
  - Increasing costs to repair, may become unaffordable to some property owners
- Increasing challenges to BPS permitting
  - Property protection vs. protection of scenic and recreational values of the ocean shore
  - Potential increase in buried BPS structures that are built outside of OPRD’s jurisdictional boundaries that become exposed at a future date
  - Complex and difficult coordination when multiple properties involved. Absentee homeowners, shared costs, timing.

# Increased Coastal Erosion

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Storm surge and  
wave attack on BPS



# Policy Discussions

- Protect areas not yet impacted by BPS
- Discuss new regulations where conservation is appropriate
- Review current regulations
- OPRD/DLCD NOAA Coastal Fellow will be analyzing this issue over the next 2 years and will develop materials to assist in future policy option discussions