

OPERATION CLEAN SHORE

PRESS CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONER SCOTT WEINER

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1991

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

— JIM STABILE, PRESS OFFICER,

APPEARING FOR COMMISSIONER WILLIAM

FAUVER, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

— MAJOR DOMINICK TROCCHIA, APPEARING

FOR NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SUPERIN-

TENDENT, COLONEL JUSTIN DINTINO

— KEANSBURG MAYOR, HONORABLE

GEORGE KAUFFMANN

— KEANSBURG BOROUGH CLERK

TOM CUSICK

— WE'VE COME TO KEANSBURG HERE IN MONMOUTH COUNTY TO ANNOUNCE THAT NEW JERSEY WILL AGAIN BE ON PATROL TO PROTECT OUR OCEAN WATERS, BEACHES, BACK BAYS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. WE'RE GOING TO WORK HARD TO KEEP OUR SHORES AND BATHING WATERS AS SAFE AND CLEAN AS POSSIBLE.

— BEFORE GETTING INTO THE SPECIFICS OF OUR PROGRAMS, I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT UNDER GOVERNOR JIM FLORIO'S LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD A SAFE, POLLUTION FREE JERSEY SHORE. WHEN IT CAME TIME TO END THE OCEAN DUMPING OF SEWAGE SLUDGE, OUR GOVERNOR DID NOT BEND. HE HAS SPEARHEADED THE ATTACK TO CLEAN UP OUR

COASTLINE AND PROTECT OUR OCEAN WATERS. IN SHORT, GOVERNOR FLORIO HAS FULFILLED HIS PROMISE AND COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE VALUABLE RESOURCE THAT IS OUR 127 MILE OCEAN COASTLINE.

— MOST OF THE PROGRAMS WE'RE UNVEILING TODAY ARE NOT NEW. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR EFFORT TO PREVENT OCEAN POLLUTION AND GUARD AGAINST THE EXPECTED OR EVEN THE UNEXPECTED.

— WE THINK OUR COASTAL MONITORING PROGRAMS ARE THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION MEASURES IN PLACE ANYWHERE ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD. OUR PROGRAMS ARE

DESIGNED TO PREVENT PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY OCCUR AND IF THE UNFORSEEN DOES HAPPEN, WE'RE READY TO MOVE IN AND TO INITIATE QUICK, EFFECTIVE ACTION.

— LET'S QUICKLY MENTION SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS:

— **OPERATION CLEAN SHORES:** COSTING ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, \$1.2 MILLION, OPERATION CLEAN SHORES REPRESENTS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE DEP. IT USES STATE PRISON INMATES TO REMOVE DEBRIS THAT HAS COLLECTED ALONG OUR NORTHERN COASTAL AREAS. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS,

CLOSE TO 20 MILLION POUNDS OF FLOATABLE
DEBRIS HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM OUR COAST.
THAT'S 20 MILLION POUNDS THAT WON'T GET
REFLOATED AND WASH ASHORE AT OUR SOUTHERN
BATHING AREAS.

ONE OTHER THING I'D LIKE TO SAY ABOUT OPERA-
TION CLEAN SHORES IS THAT THE PROGRAM IS A
TREMENDOUS BOOST TO PRISON INMATES. WORK
PROGRAMS LIKE THIS ONE PROVIDE INCENTIVES,
ENCOURAGEMENT AND EVEN A FEW DOLLARS TO
INMATES. BILL FAUVER DESERVES CREDIT FOR HIS
PERSONAL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF PRO-
GRAMS THAT BENEFIT INMATES, THE STATE AND
MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE ENVIRONMENT.

— OUR COOPERATIVE COASTAL MONITORING PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO AND WORKS WITH LOCAL AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO TEST THE QUALITY OF OCEAN AND BAY WATERS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT BATHING BEACHES ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING. IN FACT, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN TESTING OUR OCEAN WATERS THIS COMING MONDAY. THE RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE DRAMATIC: LAST YEAR 32 BEACHES HAD TO BE CLOSED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD — NO MORE THAN AN AFTER-NOON OR A DAY. COMPARE TO 1989 WHEN 44 BEACHES WERE SHUT AND 1988 WHEN 803 WERE CLOSED. THE PROGRAM IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE. IF OUR BATHING BEACHES ARE OPEN, BATHERS ARE ASSURED OF SAFE WATERS.

— AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE OUR **STATE POLICE HELICOPTER** HERE ON THE GROUND. THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE IT, IT'LL BE IN THE AIR PATROLLING OVER 250 MILES OF COASTLINE EACH DAY — FROM THE NEW YORK HARBOR, THROUGH THE RARITAN BAY, DOWN THE ATLANTIC COASTLINE AND UP THE DELAWARE BAY. IF DEP'S OBSERVERS IN THE CHOPPER SEE ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE A PROBLEM, THEY CAN NOTIFY OUR **MARINE POLICE BOATS** TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK. WE'RE PREPARED. IF WE SPOT POLLUTION FROM THE AIR, WE'LL TAKE EVERY STEP TO INTERCEPT IT BEFORE IT HITS THE BEACH. ONE OTHER THING. BY USING THE STATE POLICE CHOPPER, WE'LL BE SAVING SOME \$50,000 OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

— THIS YEAR, AS IN PAST YEAR'S, THE DEP AND THE FOLKS AT TRAVEL AND TOURISM ARE SPONSORING A BEACH HOTLINE NUMBER. THE NUMBER IS **1—800—648—SAND**. OVER 5,500 NEW JERSEYANS USED THE NUMBER LAST YEAR. WHEN YOU CALL THE HOTLINE, YOU'LL GET BEACH CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT TO SEE AND DO AT THE JERSEY SHORE. THE HOTLINE OPENS FOR BUSINESS ON **MAY 20**.

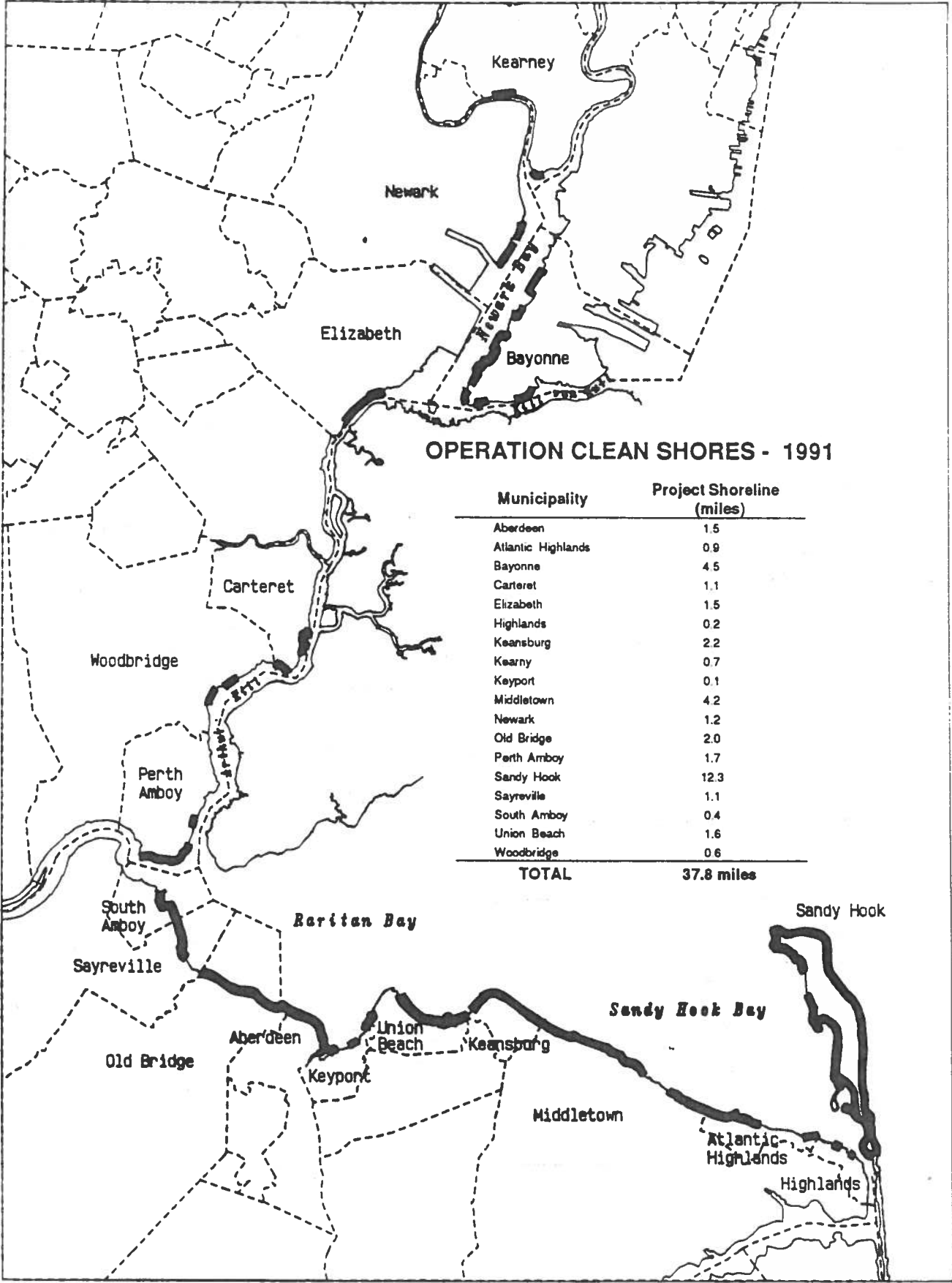
— AS ALWAYS, WE'RE ALSO ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO BAG THEIR TRASH, RECYCLE WHAT THEY CAN AND GENERALLY HELP US PATROL THE COASTLINE. IF EVERY ONE OF THE OVER 8 MILLION VISITORS ENJOYING OUR BEACHES EACH YEAR PICKED UP ONE PIECE OF TRASH AS THEY LEAVE

THE BEACH, WE'LL HAVE A LOT LESS TO DO AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE A CLEANER, HEALTHIER BEACH.

— WHILE WE CANNOT ISSUE A 100 PERCENT GUARANTEE THAT OUR BEACHES AND OCEAN WATERS WILL REMAIN TROUBLE-FREE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SUMMER SEASON, WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT NO OTHER STATE CAN BRAG ABOUT THEIR EFFORTS THE WAY NEW JERSEY CAN. OUR MESSAGE IS SIMPLE. WE'LL WORK HARDER THAN ANYONE ELSE TO PATROL OUR OCEAN WATERS AND BEACHES. SO, COME TO NEW JERSEY. YOU'LL LIKE IT HERE.

— INTRODUCE KEANSBURG MAYOR GEORGE
KAUFFMANN FOR BRIEF REMARKS.

— AFTER THE MAYOR COMPLETES HIS REMARKS,
ASK FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS .



OPERATION CLEAN SHORES - 1991

Municipality	Project Shoreline (miles)
Aberdeen	1.5
Atlantic Highlands	0.9
Bayonne	4.5
Carteret	1.1
Elizabeth	1.5
Highlands	0.2
Keansburg	2.2
Kearny	0.7
Keyport	0.1
Middletown	4.2
Newark	1.2
Old Bridge	2.0
Perth Amboy	1.7
Sandy Hook	12.3
Sayreville	1.1
South Amboy	0.4
Union Beach	1.6
Woodbridge	0.6
TOTAL	37.8 miles