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### WOODS HOLE GROUP ADDRESSES COASTAL EROSION PROBLEM AT HAMMONASSET BEACH

Falmouth, MA – June 2007 – Woods Hole Group, Inc. of Massachusetts, USA has teamed with Fuss & O’Neill, Inc. of Connecticut to perform an engineering feasibility study, comprehensive management plan, and environmental impact assessment of Hammonasset Beach for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Hammonasset Beach State Park is home to Connecticut’s largest swimming beach and campground. In 2006, 1.8 million people visited the 2.5 mile stretch of beach, which in places is now nearly non-existent during high tide. Due to severe ongoing erosion and storm damage, this beach has required constant attention and the addition of sand.

Woods Hole Group will recommend the most technically feasible and cost-effective solution with the least amount of environmental impact. Short- and long-term recommendations will be based on an engineering feasibility study of alternatives to mitigate erosion, including coastal structures, such as groins and revetments, and soft solutions, such as dune reconstruction and beach nourishment. Historical shoreline change data, newly collected shoreline and wave data, and wave and sediment numerical modeling will be used to assess the design options. There also is a proactive public outreach component to involve stakeholders in the design process.

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