This morning I wish to address the timing of planting stabilizing vegetation. The Allen report favors early spring planting in April, May, June. Such timing requires irrigation and fertilization.

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development has a guide to preparing dune management plans as provided for in state wide planning goal 18 (beaches and dunes). DLCD’s guide states “grading should generally be done between Nov 1 and March 15. Beach grass planted or fertilized subsequent to grading will grow best at this time of the year. Grading may be done at other times of the year but is not encouraged.” Unquote!

Breakers Point has followed this guide line for over 20 years and it has resulted in 98% propagation of plantings. Another observation we have made is that fertilization is not required to achieve 98% propagation at this time of the year. We ask that fertilization not be mandatory but an option as it is a source of nitrate pollution to Ecola creek and the estuary as well as an apparent food source to seagulls which is detrimental to their health.

Please follow DLCD’s guide lines for planting in Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb and March as it is the best time to achieve 98% propagation without irrigation and fertilizers.

Thank you.