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**Cover Letter for “Tidal Inlets”**

Dear Editors,

I am submitting my manuscript, “Tidal Inlets,” for consideration and peer review for the Journal of Marine Science.

I am the only author, and am the corresponding author.

I was a staff member of CDM Smith, Inc., of Boston, USA, from 1969 until my retirement in 2013. Since then I have had occasional contract work for CDM Smith, none of which has had to do with tidal inlets.

The paper is based on the cited references and my professional knowledge gained over the years since 1964. For “Tidal Inlets” there has been no research grant or honorarium. I have made extensive use of Google Earth Pro, and have so acknowledged in the paper’s reference list.

I have accepted the invitation to join the Editorial Board of the Journal of Marine Science.

The paper describes and analyzes some of the features and behavior of inlets through sandy barrier beaches—behavior that is frequently misunderstood and unanticipated. The discussion is extended to the subject of cobble armoring of the beds of inlets, a useful engineering management measure in some situations.

Except for some basic algebraic manipulations, the paper does not present material that is new to the coastal engineering profession, but may still be useful for the wider body of marine scientists.

Sincerely yours,

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