



Boardwalk

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(aka **Waterfront**)

Project Summary

Logline: *Chinatown* meets *China Syndrome* set *On the Waterfront* in Jersey: a thriller of corruption and greed based on true events. A glimpse of the behind the scenes of the building of an Empire of Hotels and Gambling Casinos by those unscrupulous men who would sacrifice the Planet for the Short-term Profits. One man's fight to end Ocean Dumping: battling the Government, the Mob and an Ecological Time-bomb.

DARYL ATWOOD is a dedicated marine biologist. Beyond the shadows of Atlantic City economic development he has noticed something going terribly wrong with the ocean waters and marine life. His testing reveals deadly pollution levels along the beaches and he takes his suspicions to DR. TURNQUIST the head of the marine lab. Turnquist tries to cover up Daryl's report rather than jeopardize casino expansion and tourism. Daryl's childhood friend FRANKIE, a local fisherman, has also been conducting his own investigation after spotting dead and deformed fish in his fishing-nets. Frankie is determined to reveal the polluters responsible; not realizing they are controlled by mobsters. Before he can turn his evidence over to Daryl, Frankie is murdered, leaving Daryl alone to take on ruthless forces that would sacrifice the Planet for the Short-term Profits and find Frankie's killers.

The classy, sophisticated mob kingpin MICHAEL TUCCI wants nothing to spoil his plans for an Atlantic City empire but his hard-edged capo NUCCIO SCARZA, unconcerned with the environmental risk, smells millions to be made through illegal sludge dumping. After Frankie's death and Turnquist's betrayal it's now left to Daryl to try and stop Scarza from destroying Daryl's beloved Atlantic Ocean shoreline.

Daryl's only other ally is JAYNE, Daryl's ex-fiancé, a lawyer in the DA's office who at first tries to undermine Daryl's efforts with her own competing narcotics investigation. Despite a bitter breakup years earlier, Daryl and Jayne are thrown back together against law enforcement agencies, mob-connected CEOs and killers. Their romance struggles to rekindle as they make a desperate and deadly attempt to prevent an environmental disaster: Scarza's scheme to drop defective radioactive drums in the ocean waters off Atlantic City. The odds of Daryl succeeding against Scarza are slim; the likelihood of his getting killed, almost certain.

Preliminary Budget: 37 Million USD*

Characters & Proposed Cast:

Daryl Atwood: He passed up the chance for a tranquil life with the woman he loved to pursue his dream of preserving the purity and beauty of the Jersey coast as a biologist. His commitment to succeed will be tested by overwhelming corrupt and criminal adversaries (Channing Tatum, Ethan Hawke, Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Walberg, Brad Pitt)

Jayne: The Assistant DA and Daryl's former love. Despite bringing back bad memories she is the only one who can help Daryl in his search for the truth. (Catherine Heigel, Charlese Theron, Jessica Beal, Naomi Watts, Scarlett Johansen, Amy Adams)

Nuccio Scarza: The greedy, violent mobster seeking to become the biggest player controlling Atlantic City rackets. (Joe Pesci)

Dr. Turnquist: The head of the lab responsible for testing the quality of the ocean water and beaches. Daryl's idealism makes him later regret his attempts to thwart the investigation. (Ted Danson, Scott Glenn)

Michael Tucci: The mob's top representative for legitimate Atlantic City enterprises. (Robert DeNiro)

Frankie: A reformed coke addict, urges Daryl to fight against hazardous ocean dumping. (Oscar Isaac, Vin Diesel, Mark Ruffalo)

Justine: Frankie's girlfriend. She's a hot sexy sweetheart with a heart of gold. Her fatal flaw is she has a coke problem that she just can't quit! (Meghan Fox, Rachel Weiss,)

Geiger: To save his failing company he must make a deal with the devilish Scarza. (Jack Nicholson, Al Pacino)

Tiny: Scarza's bulky and ruthless drug-dealing enforcer. (Vincent Pastori)

Proposed Directors: David O'Russell, Luc Besson. James Gray, Danny Devito, Robert DeNiro, Anton Fuqua

Writer: T.J. Mancini, *"Find Me Guilty"* (Vin Diesel), *"Los Bandoleros"* (Vin Diesel), *"Genghis Khan"*

Producer: T.J. Mancini *"Find Me Guilty"* (Vin Diesel), *"Strays"* (Vin Diesel), *"Shadow of Doubt"* (Melanie Griffith, Tom Berenger), *"Downtown"* (Genevieve Bujold, John Savage).

*Cast contingent.