

Ocean and Coastal Program Managers' Meeting

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Today's Discussion

- My Priorities for OCRM
- FY 2007 Budget Outlook
- NOAA Regional Efforts
- CZM Program Priorities
- Other OCRM Program Priorities

My Core Operating Principles for OCRM

- Responsiveness/Accountability
- Communication
- Collaboration

My Priorities for OCRM in 2007

- Visioning
- Strategic Planning
- Messaging and Communications
- FY07 Budget and Reauthorizations
- Regional Efforts

FY 2007 OCRM Budget Outlook

Issues:

- We're waiting for final allocations from NOAA
- The delay will cause condensed timeframes for grant applications
- There will be reductions in funding for states/reserves; we're seeing declining deobligations/carryover
- There are ongoing shortfalls for OCRM Program Administration

**** Good News - FY08 President's Request includes CELCP funding for the first time**

NOAA Regional Initiative

NOAA's Interests

- Engage ocean and coastal managers regionally to effectively deliver NOAA products & services
 - Need to know your priorities on a regional level
 - Tell us how various parts of NOAA can work together better to serve you
- Learn from regions as testing grounds

Some Hot CZM Issues in 2007

- Budget and Financial Assistance Awards
- Energy Policy Act (EPAct), LNG and CZMA
- Interstate Consistency Issues
- Finalizing CZMA Performance Measurement System
- Preparing for a re-PART by OMB in 2008

Other OCRM Program Priorities

- NERRS
 - Collaboration between NERRS and CZM on Coastal Training Programs
 - System Wide Monitoring Program external review
 - Estuaries 101 Curricula for K-12 audience
- CICEET
 - Develop new Strategic Plan and performance measures
- MPA Center
 - Review and comment on Draft Framework for Developing National System of MPAs
 - West Coast Pilot project with CA, OR, and WA
- Coral Reef Conservation Program
 - Reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act
 - “Phase 2” Coral Reef Local Action Strategies

Conclusion

Questions ?

Comments ?

Concerns ?

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