

Envisioning the Next 30 Years of Coastal Management

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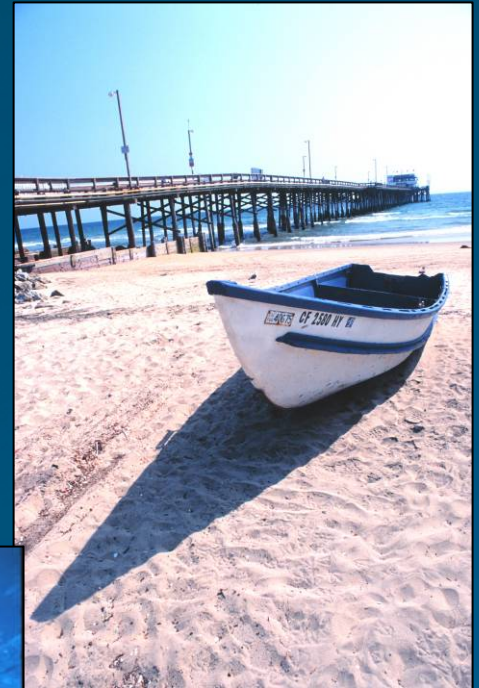


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Coastal Management Visioning Initiative

Purpose:

To conduct an examination of coastal management and identify options for improving the CZMA.



Outcome and Timeline

- A **report** that compiles *core principles and specific options* to be considered by NOAA, CSO, and NERRA in their reauthorization proposals for the CZMA.
- May 2006 – September 2007

Coastal Management Visioning Initiative

A year-long process to identify core issues and ideas on which the CZMA, or other coastal management legislation will be drafted.

- **Phase I: Identify Challenges and Key Questions for Discussion**
Discussion Paper (Sept 2006; available on OCRM web site)
- **Phase 2: Learn from Managers Within the System**
Interviews with CZM, 13 NERR and 10 other coastal managers (Interviews completed Dec 2006; analysis completed by January 2007)
- **Phase 3: Meet with Stakeholders throughout the Country**
(Contractor hired; meetings held March through July 2007)

Phase II: Discussions with Managers

Who Was Interviewed?

- 35 State Coastal and Great Lakes managers
- 13 NERR managers
- 10 other state-based entities

When?

- October 2006 – January 2007

Phase II Overall Results

- *Managing growth* was the most commonly identified *current* pressure, with *water quality* as the second most common.
- Priority *emerging* issues include *climate change* and its coastal impacts, and *growth and land use*.
- *Local governments* were identified as the primary partner with which to address growth pressures.

Phase II West Coast Results

West Coast Mainland States responded:

- Most commonly identified current pressures are growth/land use (4 out of 4 states);
- Habitat issues, water quality, hazards, and cultural/political issues are runner-ups (2 out of 4 states each).
- West Coast states reported a high utilization of local permits for implementation
- Ground-truth top emerging issues: climate change (e.g., sea level rise, impacts to biodiversity), growth, energy...

Phase III: Stakeholders

Timeline: February 2007 (design process)

March – July 2007 (hold meetings)

- Meet with **broader coastal community** for their perspectives on priorities, issues, and opportunities
- Special attention paid to changes that could be made to CZMA to contribute to better decisions and linkages to partners
- Currently looking at **3-5 Regional Meetings** and **1-3 National** meetings
- May mix broad stakeholder meetings, with **targeted constituent** meetings

Need Continued Commitment to Dialogue

NOAA and CSO need a continued commitment from the states to:

Identify and ground-truth the list of stakeholders and constituents for both broad and constituent-targeted regional meetings.

Continue to engage in the dialogue on *How the CZMA could help improve the coordination between state and federal agencies on coastal and ocean priorities*, through stakeholder meetings and in discussions with other state partners.

Let's Talk about Solutions...

How can the CZMA be changed, and/or how can NOAA better support states, to better address these issues:

- Growth issues, and increased partnerships with local governments....
- Climate change and its coastal impacts, and improved federal and state partnerships to address issues...
- Others...ocean management, energy...