

The program consists of numerous policies on diverse management issues which are enforced by various State laws, and is the culmination of four years of program development. The NJCZMP will condition, restrict or prohibit some uses in parts of the coastal zone, while encouraging development and other uses in other parts. The program will improve the decision-making process for determining appropriate coastal land and water uses in light of resource considerations and increase public awareness of coastal resources. The program will result in some short-term economic impacts on coastal users but will lead to increased long-term protection of the State's coastal resources. Federal alternatives include delaying or denying approval if certain requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act have not been met. The State could modify parts of the program or withdraw their application for Federal approval if either of the above Federal alternatives results from the circulation of the DEIS. OCZM would be particularly interested in comments on the following areas:

(a) The extent to which the inclusion of the Hackensack Meadowlands Commission's Master Plan meets the requirements of Section 306 and 307(f) of the CZMA and the President's Executive Order No. 11990 Protection of Wetlands.

(b) The adequacy of a proposed boundary for the Northern Waterfront and Delaware River section above the Delaware River Memorial Bridge of 100 to 500 feet.

(c) The promulgation of new regulations for the Waterfront Development Permit Program to apply inland to the extent of the proposed boundary.

(d) The extent to which proposed changes to the existing Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) rules would not meet the requirements of Section 302 and 303 of the CZMA.

It is intended that the DEIS will be distributed in November, 1979. OCZM therefore requests that any interested party submit comments before October 20, 1979 to:

Ms. Kathryn Cousins or Mr. Dick O'Connor,  
North Atlantic Region, Office of Coastal  
Zone Management, 3300 Whitehaven St.,  
N.W., Washington, D.C. 20234 (202/634-  
4128).

Any comments received after this date will be considered as comments on the DEIS and responded to accordingly.

Dated: October 3, 1979.

Mirco P. Snidero,  
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for  
Administration.

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#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

#### Announcement of Gray's Reef, Outer Continental Shelf, as an Active Candidate for Marine Sanctuary Designation.

**AGENCY:** Office of Coastal Zone Management (OCZM) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An area known as Gray's Reef located off the Georgia Coast previously recommended for marine sanctuary designation has been determined eligible for inclusion on NOAA's List of Recommended Areas in accordance with the general program regulations and has been selected as an Active Candidate for designation.

**DISCUSSION:** In June of 1978 the Georgia State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommended an area encompassing 12 square miles of the South Atlantic continental shelf known as Gray's Reef for designation as a marine sanctuary pursuant to Title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, 16 U.S.C. 1431-1434.

Under OCZM's recently revised procedures for designating marine sanctuaries (15 CFR Part 922, 44 FR 44831, July 31, 1979), all areas recommended as sites for marine sanctuary designation will be reviewed against the criteria in section 922.21(b) to determine whether there is at least some potential for designation. Those sites meeting the criteria will be placed on a List of Recommended Areas (List).

An initial List must be published within 3 months of publishing this regulation, by October 31, 1979. This List is currently in preparation. OCZM has reviewed the Gray's Reef sites and determined that it meets the above criteria and will include the site on its initial List.

In addition OCZM has determined that Gray's Reef fulfills the requirements outlined in Section 922.23(a) for selection of Active Candidates from the List. It is declared an Active Candidate.

In accordance with section 922.23(b), consultation has taken place on a preliminary basis with relevant Federal agencies, State, and local officials

including port authorities, Regional fishery Management Councils and other interested persons. An Issue Paper will be prepared by OCZM in conjunction with the Georgia DNR describing the distinctive resources of the potential site, the present the prospective uses, existing government programs aimed at protecting those resources and alternative boundary, management and regulations that might be utilized for a marine sanctuary. As required in Section 922.24, Review of Active Candidates, OCZM will conduct one or more Public Workshops in the area or areas most affected within six months of the effective date of this publication. The Issue Paper and the Workshop(s) are designed to solicit views which will aid OCZM in determining whether the site should be further considered for Designation through the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and whether any modifications of the recommendation may be appropriate. The Workshop(s) are in addition to the public hearings required under section 302(e) of the Act which would occur only following the preparation of a DEIS.

For Further Information Contact:  
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Sanctuary Programs Office, Office of  
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Dated: October 4, 1979.

Mirco P. Snidero,  
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for  
Administration.

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#### Approval of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program and Alabama Coastal Area Management Program

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 306(a) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1445(a)), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Administrator for Coastal Zone Management (on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce) on September 24, 1979 approved the coastal program of South Carolina and on September 25, 1979 approved the coastal program of Alabama.

Approval activates Federal agency responsibility for being consistent with these programs pursuant to the Federal consistency provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Act as of the date of approval. Further information on the responsibilities of affected Federal agencies in this regard may be found in 15 CFR Part 930, published in the