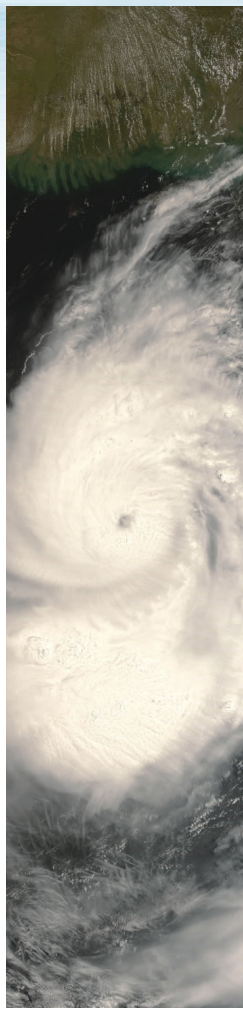
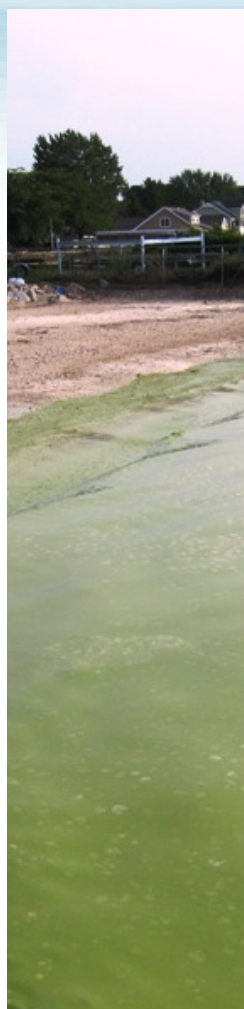


# ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE: A PLANNING GUIDE FOR STATE COASTAL MANAGERS





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**“Climate change is real. It is here, and it is happening now, in our backyards and around the globe.”**

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Individuals and decision makers across widely diverse sectors—from energy to transportation to natural resource management—are increasingly asking NOAA for information about climate change in order to make the best choices for their families, communities, and businesses. This guide, *Adapting to Climate Change: A Planning Guide for State Coastal Managers*, offers a framework for state coastal managers to follow as they develop and implement climate change adaptation plans in their own states. State coastal managers, and their counterparts in local governments, are at the forefront of adapting to climate change. Issues that coastal managers face every day—such as coastal erosion, stormwater management, habitat protection, and aging Great Lake infrastructure—are being exacerbated by climate change. This guide is one of the many products and services that NOAA is offering to help the nation prepare for and address the impacts of climate change.

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