

The National Coastal Zone Management Program comprehensively addresses the nation's coastal issues through a voluntary partnership between the federal government and coastal and Great Lakes states and territories.

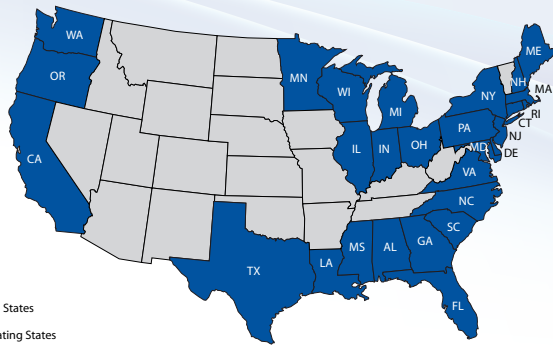
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Authorized by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the program addresses a wide range of issues, including coastal development, water quality, public access, habitat protection, energy facility siting, ocean governance and planning, coastal hazards, and climate change—all while balancing the often competing and occasionally conflicting demands of coastal resource use, economic development, and conservation.

Currently, 34 coastal states participate (Alaska withdrew in 2011). The program gives these states the flexibility to design programs that meet their needs and that work in conjunction with state and local laws. By leveraging both federal and state expertise and resources, the program strengthens the capabilities of each to solve challenges along the coast.

Major program components

- The **Federal Consistency** provision ensures that federal actions with reasonably foreseeable effects on coastal uses and resources are consistent with the enforceable policies of a state's approved coastal management program. This also applies to nonfederal activities that are federally authorized and funded.
- The **Coastal Zone Enhancement Program** provides incentives to enhance state programs within nine key areas: wetlands, coastal hazards, public access, marine debris, cumulative and secondary impacts, special area management planning, ocean and Great Lakes resources, energy and government facility siting, and aquaculture.
- The **Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program**, jointly administered with the Environmental Protection Agency, ensures that participating states have the necessary tools, backed by enforceable authorities, to prevent and control polluted runoff.



■ Participating States
■ Nonparticipating States



THE U.S. COASTAL ZONE

- Represents just 11 percent of the U.S. land mass and yet is home to more than 53 percent of the U.S. population
- Welcomes over 180 million visitors each year, generating 80 percent of all U.S. tourism revenue
- Contains 190 seaports
- Serves as nursery and spawning grounds for 80 to 90 percent of our nation's fisheries.

