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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commonwealth, State, and Territorial Coastal Program Managers

THROUGH: Chris Cartwright, Chief Financial Officer
National Ocean Service

FROM: John R. King
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SUBJECT: FY 2010 Final Funding Guidance and Allocations
Coastal Zone Management Act Sections 306/306A and 309

This final funding guidance is based on the funding levels contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-117). This Act contains funding for sections 306/306A and 309. This memorandum provides guidance on the allocation and uses of these funds. We received no comments on the draft funding guidance dated March 8, 2010. If you have any questions about this guidance, I can be reached at (301) 713-3155 extension 188 or via e-mail at john.king@noaa.gov.

Our goal is to get you your funds in a timely manner, and to meet this goal, we must keep an application schedule similar to last year (Attachment 2). We recognize that this is a difficult schedule, however, it is critical that we get applications in as quickly as possible, so that we can get funds out the door in time to meet your start dates. We will work with you to get this done as efficiently as possible.

Funding Facts

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010***</u>
Section 306/306A/309*	\$ 66,079,000	\$ 68,077,854
CNPCP Implementation**	3,362,000	0
Deobligated Funds	0	7,146
Totals	\$ 69,441,000	\$ 68,085,000

* - Figures reflect the Appropriation less assessments for the Hollings Scholarship program
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*** - Includes report language addressing the increase in 306/309 funding



As you can see from the above table, appropriations for sections 306/309 are up by approximately \$2.0M, however, there is no funding available for the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. There is also a small amount of deobligated funds available for re-allocation.

Report Language

Report language accompanying the FY10 Appropriations Act requires that a portion of the increase in the Coastal Zone Management Grants funding be used for a competitive grants program. Specifically, the report states:

The conference agreement provides \$2,000,000 above the request, and NOAA is directed to use a portion of the increase provided for a competitive program for efforts to modernize and improve State information systems to assess, track and manage permitting and land-use tracking procedures. (FY2010 Appropriations Conference Report (p27))

In addition, the Appropriations Act continues to include the following language regarding allocations:

Provided further, That in allocating grants under sections 306 and 306A of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, no coastal State shall receive more than 5 percent or less than 1 percent of increased funds appropriated over the previous fiscal year. (FY2010 Appropriations Act (p17))

Selected Approach

Our challenge is to meet both existing statutory and regulatory requirements, and Congressional direction contained in the Conference Report. To do this, we are allocating \$1,000,000 of the funding increase towards section 306 allocations, and \$1,000,000 of the funding increase towards a competitive process for the purposes described in the Conference Report. There will be a separate call for proposals for the competitive funds, as well as separate cooperative agreements. This approach meets the requirements described above, and allows the standard annual CZM cooperative agreement process to move forward in a timely manner.

Section 306/306A and Section 309 Allotments

For FY 2010, there is \$67,085,000 in appropriated and deobligated funds available for sections 306/306A and 309. The CZMA requires that between ten and twenty percent of the section 306/309 appropriation be directed toward section 309, up to a maximum of \$10,000,000. We will direct the statutory maximum of \$10,000,000 (14.9%) of the appropriation toward section 309, leaving \$57,085,000 for section 306/306A. The section 306/306A funds require a 1 to 1 match and are available to states with federally-approved coastal zone management programs. State allocations are provided in the attached table (attachment 1).

The states that have successfully completed section 309 assessments and strategies are eligible for section 309 funding. These funds require no match. All of the section 309 funds will be

awarded through the weighted formula. The primary focus of this year's section 309 effort will be to develop revised assessments and strategies.

Implementation of Section 6217 Programs

No funding was appropriated for this program for FY 2010. We understand that this presents difficulties for some states, and we will provide flexibility in funding CNP implementation projects with 306 or 309 funds.

Application Procedures

The application schedule is attached. July 1 start date awards are due in OCRM by April 5, 2010; and October 1 start date awards are due in OCRM by May 20, 2010 (attachment 2). As with FY 2009, use of the electronic grants application system is required.

NOAA Strategic Priorities

NOAA is currently in the process of finalizing its "Next Generation Strategic Plan" intended to guide Agency actions through 2017. The draft goals articulated in this plan align nicely with CZMA goals, OCRM office priorities, and the priorities of many of your programs. This provides a good opportunity to demonstrate the connection between the CZM program and funding and NOAA priorities. Towards this end, we thought it worthwhile to provide a brief description of the NOAA strategic priorities, as they will likely provide greater visibility for the CZM program and new opportunities for states to access a broader array of NOAA resources.

NOAA intends to focus its efforts on the following four (4) overarching goals:

1. Climate Adaptation & Mitigation: An informed society anticipating and responding to a changing climate and its impacts.
2. Weather Resilience: Society prepares for and responds to high-impact events that jeopardize individuals, government, and businesses.
3. Sustainable Coastal Communities and Economies: Environmentally and economically sustainable oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes communities and ecosystem services.
4. Sustainable and Resilient Fisheries, Species, and Habitats: Biodiversity protected and restored and fisheries sustained within healthy and productive ecosystems

By using the following means, familiar to coastal programs, to improve management of our coasts and oceans:

- Promoting partnerships and collaboration at all levels
- Engaging regional ocean governance bodies
- Enabling data integration and delivery
- Improving tools and technology for decision support
- Using local expertise and ecological knowledge

We anticipate that OCRM's support of coastal program engagement in regional ocean governance, climate change adaptation, and the development and use of coastal and marine spatial planning will support the NOAA strategic priorities. We encourage you to consider these priorities in the development of your annual work programs; 309 Assessments and Strategies; and in reporting your program's success stories (Section C of the Performance Reporting Guidelines). Additional information related to NOAA's Strategic Plan can be found here: <http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/ngsp.html>; and the current OCRM strategic plan can be found here: http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/resources/docs/ocrm_strategicplan.pdf.

Notice Information

According to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA), the Secretary of Commerce may make grants to eligible coastal states. Coastal states are defined as states that are in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes. For the purposes of the CZMA, the term also includes Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This notice is being distributed to all eligible parties, and substitutes for the Federal Register notice required for Federal grant programs.

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Final FY 2010 Allocations
Sections 306/306A and 309

Parameter	Section 306/306A	Section 309
Total Funding	57,085,000	10,000,000
Base Funding	700,000	70,000
Maximum Funding	2,030,000	536,000

STATE	Section 306	Section 309	Total
Alabama	1,305,000	104,000	1,409,000
Alaska	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
American Samoa	807,000	76,000	883,000
California	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
Connecticut	1,871,000	177,000	2,048,000
Delaware	1,237,000	101,000	1,338,000
Florida	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
Georgia	2,030,000	270,000	2,300,000
Guam	830,000	77,000	907,000
Hawaii	1,844,000	174,000	2,018,000
Indiana	993,000	86,000	1,079,000
Louisiana	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
Maine	2,030,000	409,000	2,439,000
Maryland	2,030,000	521,000	2,551,000
Massachusetts	2,030,000	413,000	2,443,000
Michigan	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
Minnesota	913,000	82,000	995,000
Mississippi	1,073,000	91,000	1,164,000
New Hampshire	927,000	83,000	1,010,000
New Jersey	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
New York	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
North Carolina	2,030,000	392,000	2,422,000
Northern Mariana Islands	865,000	80,000	945,000
Ohio	1,891,000	180,000	2,071,000
Oregon	2,030,000	216,000	2,246,000
Pennsylvania	1,837,000	172,000	2,009,000
Puerto Rico	2,030,000	215,000	2,245,000
Rhode Island	1,331,000	106,000	1,437,000
South Carolina	2,030,000	349,000	2,379,000
Texas	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	858,000	79,000	937,000
Virginia	2,030,000	536,000	2,566,000
Washington	2,030,000	532,000	2,562,000
Wisconsin	1,963,000	191,000	2,154,000
TOTALS	57,085,000	10,000,000	67,085,000

ACTIVITY	States with July 1 Start Dates	States with October 1 Start Dates
1. Initial discussions between state and OCRM - submission of preliminary work plan (optional)	January - February	February
2. State submits draft application package for CZMA cooperative agreement. OCRM provides comments to State as appropriate	March 12, 2010	April 15, 2010
3. State submits final application, budget and narrative to OCRM for review and approval.	April 5, 2010	May 18, 2010
4. OCRM completes review and circulates Cooperative Agreement package within OCRM.	April 9, 2010	May 20, 2010
5. OCRM submits Cooperative agreement package to NOAA Grants office.	April 16, 2010	June 1, 2010