

# Envisioning the Next 30 Years of Coastal Management

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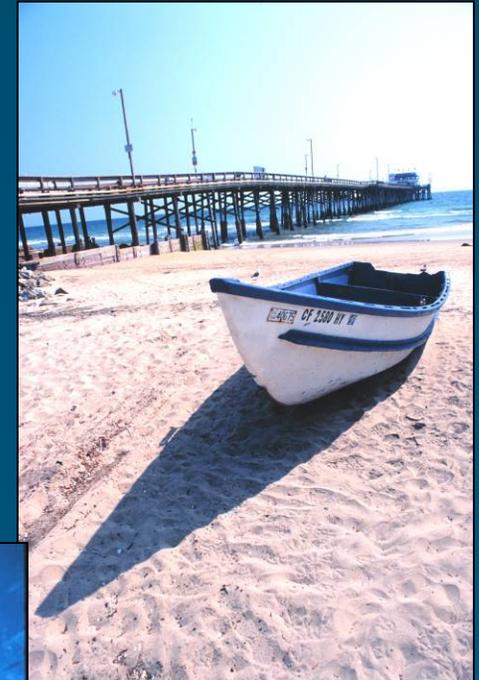


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# Coastal Management Visioning Initiative

## 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**

# Going Beyond the Status Quo

Both the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the U.S. Ocean Action Plan recommended there be **better coordination** among federal agencies.

The Office of Management and Budget expects proposed changes in the CZMA to include ***national*** or ***regional priority-setting***, with outcome-oriented performance measures.

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

- **Phase 1: Identify Challenges and Key Questions for Discussion**

Discussion Paper *(available on OCRM web site)*

- **Phase 2: Learn from Managers Within the System**

Interviews with 33 CZM, 13 NERR and 10 other coastal managers *(available on the OCRM web site)*

- **Phase 3: Meet with Stakeholders throughout the Country**

*(Meetings held April – June 2007)*

# Key Findings of Manager Interviews

- *Managing growth* was the most commonly identified challenges, with water quality as the second most common.
- *Local governments* were identified as the primary partner with which to address growth pressures.
- *Climate change* (inundation, impacts to habitat biodiversity) was the top emerging issue.
- *Federal interagency coordination is ineffective*, and that access to assistance is inefficient and confusing.

# Innovative Ideas from Managers

- Implement a *tiered approach to coastal management*, allowing states to opt-in to new program initiatives to become eligible for increased funding and authorities.
- Require states to develop *strategies* for engaging *local governments* to achieve coastal management objectives, and enable *formal partnerships* with local governments.
- Implement a *regional approach* to priority setting, and conduct priority assessments and reevaluations periodically.

# Stakeholder Meetings

- Planning *5 Regional Meetings*: Boston, San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta, and Hawaii
- Two *small groups* of experts (including Reserve, and Coastal Program managers) charged to deliver innovative thoughts to include in regional discussions.
- Two *topic-based National Workshops* to refine or hone set of ideas.
- Ongoing meetings with *key constituents* (industry, environmental groups) and *Congressional staff* to test idea support.
- *Timeline: April - June 2007*

# We Need Your Help

- Identify venues that can be used for little or no charge for regional stakeholder meetings.
- Identify a broad range of stakeholders to participate in regional meetings.
- Work through CSO, NOAA, and NERRA to continue thoughts on how improvements in legislation and partnerships can be made.

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