

# Coastal States Organization Update

NE/Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

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# Coastal States Organization

*Established in 1970,*

*CSO* represents  
the Governors of the nation's thirty-five  
coastal states, commonwealths and territories  
on legislative and policy issues relating to  
sound coastal, Great Lakes and ocean resource management,  
protection and development.



**2008-2009 Priorities include representing our members, advocating for effective mechanisms to link science and policy, and tracking and advocating for legislation in the following areas:**

- Climate Change
- Coastal Zone Management Act Reauthorization
- Energy/ OCS Activities
- Appropriations

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# CSO Climate Change Workgroup

- Updated climate change report: "The Role of Coastal Zone Management Programs in Adaptation to Climate Change."
  - A copy of the report can be found on our website
- Climate change legislation



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# CSO CZMA Reauthorization

- Voted on language at fall meeting
- Outreach efforts underway
  - Working on messaging
- Expect bills to be introduced next Congress



# CSO Alternative Energy Workgroup

- Provided comments to MMS on proposed rules to regulate alternative energy and alternate use projects on the OCS
- Distributed survey to assess activity and need related to wind and hydrokinetic energy



# CSO Alternative Energy Workgroup

## Survey Results:

- 17 states responded (49%)
- 13 states reported having projects permitted or proposed in their coastal zone (76%)



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## Projects Reported:

- 57 projects reported in total
  - Wind: 16 (28%)
  - Tidal/in-stream: 26 (46%)
  - Current: 2 (3%)
  - Wave: 13 (23%)
- 46 in research and design (81%)
- Only two producing, both wind



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## Information Needs:

- Physical resource assessments (wind)
- Environmental assessments
- Economic values
- Seafloor mapping
- Spatial mapping of human uses



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## Policy Needs:

- Need to address overlapping authorities of FERC and MMS
- Improved federal coordination among federal agencies and coastal states
- Research and grant programs to address information gaps



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## Next Steps:

- Re-distribute survey to remaining states and allow states to update/modify responses
- Draft report for Jan. CSO meeting in D.C.
- Work towards Energy bill under new Administration
  - Potential OCS revenue for states?



# CSO Appropriations

- Working on for next administration
- Focusing on funding for:
  - CZM
  - Corals
  - CELCP
- Funding fact sheets





Questions?

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