

**WELCOME!**

# 2009 “Virtual” Northeast Regional Meeting



Thursday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
NOAA Updates &  
Regional Ocean Governance

*We may not be able to gather in person  
this year but at least we're all warm!*

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 2009

NOAA'S OFFICE OF OCEAN & COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

# NOAA Updates

*2009 Northeast Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting  
November 2009*





# NOAA Updates

- CZMA Reauthorization & Coastal Strategy
- Staff
- Budget
- Program Change Regulations
- Performance Measures
- New Guidance:
  - Performance Report Guidance
  - Section 309 Assessment & Strategy Guidance
- Climate Change Adaptation Guidance
- CELCP



# CZMA Reauthorization & Coastal

## Reauthorization:

- Remains high priority; continue to brief Administrator to keep ideas moving forward.

## Coastal Strategy:

- “Coastal” gaining more attention in new administration.

# OCRM Staff

- Temporary changes for the front office
- New OTEC/Energy Specialist: Whitney Blanchard
- Bye, bye CELCP Co-lead
- New state liaisons—coming soon?



# Budget

Surprise! Another continuing resolution. . .

	FY09	FY10 Pres Request	FY10 Senate Mark	FY10 House Mark
<b>CZM and Stewardship (OCRM)</b>	\$7M	\$10.435M	\$8.5M	\$10.4M
<b>CZM grants (sections 306, 306A &amp; 309)</b>	\$66.146M	\$66.146M	\$66.5M	\$67.5M
<b>Coastal Nonpoint Program</b>	\$3.9M	0	0	0
<b>National Estuarine Research Reserve grants</b>	\$22.326M+ \$7.043M (const.)	\$22.326M+ \$3.89M (const.)	\$22.826M + \$3.89M (const.)	\$23.500 + \$3.89M (const.)
<b>Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program</b>	\$15M	\$15M	\$20M	\$21.5M
<b>Energy Licensing and Appeals</b>	N/A	\$1.9M	\$1.9M	\$1.9M

# Program Change Regulations

Plan to publish draft in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2010 for public comment

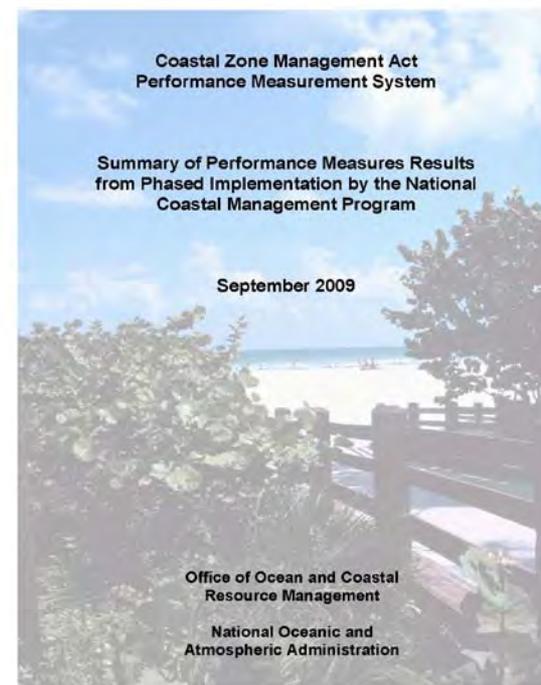


Changes:

- Overall clarification and simplification of process
- Considering what details and analysis needed

# Performance Measures

- 3-Year phase-in completed
- Streamlined set of measures; some integrated with 309 Assessments
- Released Summary Report of phased implementation data
  - 2009 Contextual Measure Report:  
<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/success/indicators.html>
- Piloting format for data documentation this year
- Additional communication planned





# 309 Update

- Final Guidance released - July 2009:  
<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/backmatter/media/guidancefy11309.pdf>
- Schedule for Assessment and Strategy
  - Draft Assessment and Strategies Due to OCRM – 7/1/10 (10/1/10)\*
  - OCRM provides comments to CMPs – 9/3/10 (12/1/10)\*
  - Final Assessment and Strategy Due – 11/1/10 (2/1/11)\*
  - OCRM approves Final Assessment and Strategy – 1/31/11 (3/31/11)\*

\*alternative schedule available for October 1 States

## Projects of Special Merit

- First round for FY12 Awards (start date July or October 2012)
- Priority Areas: Wetlands, Hazards, CSI, and Ocean & Great Lakes Resources
- PSM Competition Guidance available for state review this spring



# Performance Report Guidance

- Updated CZM Performance Report Guidance for FY09-10:  
<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/backmatter/media/fy09perguidance.pdf>
- Begin to use for FY09 performance reporting Jan/March 2010

## Highlights:

- Improved guidance for Section A to clarify information required and suggested formatting
- Moved reporting for Section 312 necessary actions and program suggestions to Section B (only reported as part of most recent award)
- Added back requirement for Section C reporting, but minimized frequency and number (only reported as part of most recent award)



# Climate Change Adaptation Guidance

- Response to 2007 CSO survey
- National guidelines focused on CZM programs and CZM actions – overwhelming issue: where to start; what is my role?
- CSC's Community Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Tool incorporated in guide
- Input at 2008 NE Regional Meeting and 2009 PMM
- Draft out for CSO/State (et. al) review soon

# CELCP Update

- Changes in CELCP staffing
- FY 2009 Competition
  - Nine grants awarded (VA, PR, MA, FL, ME, NY, WA, MD)
- FY 2010 Competition
  - Limited reopening due to changes in new legislation
  - Closed Sept. 18
- FY 2011 Competition
  - December funding notice anticipated



# CELCP Update continued

- CELCP Plans
  - Most states have submitted plans
  - NY and MA have approved plans; others in various stages of review
- CELCP Projects
  - Numerous NE projects since CELCP began
  - Seven ongoing grants
- Legislation update: Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act Appropriations
- Draft of revised guidelines anticipated next summer



# Regional Ocean Governance

# Federal Support for Regional Ocean Governance and Comparison of Regional Ocean Governances Around the Country

*Darlene Finch, NOAA Coastal Services Center*

## Panel: Lessons Learned in Regional Ocean Governance

### **Dr. Bill Walker**

Mississippi Dept. of Marine Resources  
State Chair, Gulf of Mexico Alliance

### **Kathleen Leyden**

Maine Coastal Management Program  
Chair, Northeast Regional Ocean Council

### **Mike Snyder**

New York Dept. of State  
Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean