

# STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY IN COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SECTION 312 EVALUATIONS

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Purpose of this effort:

- To strengthen the CZMA Section 312 evaluation process by incorporating some site-specific quantitative measures and targets to use in individual coastal management program evaluations
- To take action in response to the Government Accountability Office audit report recommendation

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Why we are doing this:

- To provide greater accountability in the evaluation process
- To provide a vehicle for individual coastal management programs to measure their effectiveness in meeting some goals and objectives

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How we start:

- Working cooperatively
- At a national level with goals all coastal management programs are working to advance
- Using a possible framework based on the CZMA Performance Measurement System

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What a framework for a CMP might look like:

- Coastal program identifies goals and performance measures from CZMA Performance Measurement System that best reflect the program's current emphasis and focus
- Coastal program develops program-specific targets
- Minimum of three performance measures and associated targets that cover a minimum of three years

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## Next steps:

- OCRM will work closely with a small group of managers to refine and define the strategy
- By February 2011 annual funding guidance and/or performance progress reporting guidance will require site-level targets for at least three performance measures
- Section 312 evaluations will review progress toward meeting targets

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Questions?

Issues or concerns?

Volunteers?