

enVISIONING

the FUTURE of COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Bentley College Conference Center
175 Forest Street, Waltham, Massachusetts
May 8, 2007 • 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome and Introductions**
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration / Coastal States Organization
- 9:15 – 10:00** **Introduction to *Envisioning the Future of Coastal Management* Project**
NOAA and CSO will provide a brief background on the CSO-NOAA Envisioning Project, the Coastal Zone Management Act, and on the way this law shapes coastal management. They will also describe the purpose of this meeting and how your input will help shape future federal and state actions and legislation.
- 10:00 – 10:45** **Identifying Coastal Issues of Concern**
Participants will identify the most pressing current and emerging challenges to improving the condition of the coast and determine priorities for today's discussion.
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00** **Addressing the Issues**
Participants will break into smaller groups for facilitated discussions to hear your ideas, solutions, and best thinking for improving coastal management.
- How do these issues impact our coasts and communities – now and in the future?
 - What programs, policies, techniques, and research are currently being used to manage the coasts? Are they effective? How can they be improved?
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch (Provided)**
- 1:00 – 3:00** **Overcoming Obstacles and Developing Innovative Ideas**
The facilitated discussion will continue and address additional questions:
- What are the major obstacles to effective coastal management?
 - What innovative ideas and solutions are emerging?
 - What can NOAA and state coastal programs do to help address the issues?
 - How can or should the private sector, non-governmental organizations, academia, and citizens be engaged in coastal management?
- 3:00 – 3:15** **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:00** **Setting Goals and Measuring Success**
- Would setting clear and measurable goals lead to better coastal management? Would it improve partnerships between federal and state government?
 - If so, what should the goals be? How do we define or measure success?
- 4:00 – 4:30** **Review of Input and Discussions**
- 4:30 - 5:00** **Wrap Up and Adjourn**