



OFFICE OF OCEAN & COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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MISSION: To lead the nation's efforts to manage and conserve ocean and coastal resources.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- Coastal management
- Research, education, and stewardship in estuarine reserves
- Coral reef conservation
- Coastal land acquisition
- Marine protected area planning and management
- Partnerships and place-based initiatives

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY DRIVERS

Legislative Drivers:

- Coastal Zone Management Act
- National Marine Sanctuaries Act
- Coral Reef Conservation Act

Policy Drivers:

- Ocean Action Plan
- Committee on the Marine Transportation System National Strategy
- Ocean Research Priorities Plan
- Gulf of Mexico Regional Alliance
- West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health
- Coastal Enterprise Report
- National Coral Reef Action Plan and Strategy
- Executive Order 13089: Coral Reef Protection
- Executive Order 13158: Marine Protected Areas

BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

- **Budget Line:** ORF: Coastal Management (Coastal Zone Management [CZM] Grants, CZM Program Administration, National Estuarine Research Reserve System [NERRS], Marine Protected Areas) and Ocean Assessment Program (Coral Reef, Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology); PAC (Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, NERRS)
- **FY08 Budget:** \$117.5 million in ORF and \$19.5 million in PAC
- **Personnel:** 59 FTE

KEY PARTNERS

- 34 Coastal state and Territory Coastal Zone Management programs, 27 National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) sites, universities (NERRS partners)
- Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology
- U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (members: 11 other Federal Agencies, seven States/territories, three Freely Associated States)
- Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other conservation non-governmental organizations

FISCAL YEAR 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Awarding, in fiscal year 2008, \$68.3 million to state and territory coastal zone management programs** to implement their state coastal zone management and coastal non-point source pollution programs. Through the Coastal Zone Management Program, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management assists state programs with comprehensive planning and community development and other activities to protect and restore habitats, mitigate hazards, protect water quality, and enhance public access to coastal areas. Awarding \$22.2 million to 27 coastal states to implement programs, construct facilities, and acquire land at 27 National Estuarine Research Reserves and one proposed reserve.
- **Led the development of the NOAA Coastal Strategy**, including coordinating the major NOAA coastal program offices to devise a strategy to focus coastal program office investments, capabilities, and deliverables around three priority objectives: coastal hazards and climate change; competing coastal uses and habitat loss; and coastal pollution and human health effects.
- **Protecting more than 8,000 acres of critical coastal habitat** – including 35 properties – through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) in fiscal year 2008. Five new CELCP projects were selected for funding during the year; projects were chosen based on their contributions to ecological conservation, recreational opportunities, aesthetic and historical significance, and technical and scientific merits.
- **Leading activities for the International Year of the Reef**, which launched in January 2008 to raise awareness of the importance of coral reef ecosystems and the threats they face, activities that are under way to protect them, and additional actions still needed.

ORGANIZATION

- The **Coastal Programs Division** oversees the National Coastal Zone Management Program, which is composed of 34 state and territory coastal management programs.
- The **Coral Reef Conservation Program** supports effective management and sound science to preserve, sustain and restore valuable coral reef ecosystems.
- The **Estuarine Reserves Division** oversees the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, a partnership program between NOAA and the coastal states and the Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology, a partnership between NOAA and the University of New Hampshire.
- The **Marine Protected Areas Center** facilitates the effective use of science, technology, training, and information in the planning, management, and evaluation of the nation's system of marine protected areas.
- The **National Policy and Evaluation Division** leads national coastal management policy and planning efforts and is responsible for conducting periodic performance evaluations of the national estuarine research reserves and state coastal management programs as required by the Coastal Zone Management Act.
- The **Business Management Division** provides administrative, human resource, budget, financial management, and information technology support.