

Coastal States Organization

Washington, DC Meeting

March 2-5, 2025

Monday, March 2nd: NOAA Program Manager's Meeting

Separate Registration; No Fee

- 12:30-5:30 NOAA Program Manager's Meeting (PMM)
NOAA Office, 1301 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Meeting with Coastal Zone Management Programs, National Estuarine Research Reserves, and NOAA staff. There will be no registration fee and no food provided.
- 5:30-7:00 CSO & NERRA – informal Happy Hour
[Silver Branch Lagerhaus](#), Silver Spring, MD 20910

Tuesday, March 3rd: CSO Member Meeting

CSO Registration (opening Jan. 2026); Fee

CSO Basement Conference Room, 50 F. St NW, Washington DC 20001

- 9:00 **Welcome**
Land acknowledgement
Intros and program highlights
- 10:00 **CSO budget update**
CSO project updates
- 10:30 **Legislative and Appropriations landscape and asks**
- FY27
 - BIL FY26
 - Other legislation
- 11:00 **Senate Appropriations Committee**
- Kevin Wheeler, (*confirmed*) Commerce, Justice & Science Majority staff
 - Blaise Sheridan, (*confirmed*) Commerce, Justice & Science Minority staff

- 11:45 **Regulatory/Administrative issues/updates**
- 12:15 **Sense of Place: Oysters in Maryland and the Chesapeake Watershed**
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 **Communications – Strategic messaging and framing**
- 2:15 **Program Managers’ Meeting Debrief**
- Recommendations to improve NOAA efficiency.
 - NOAA removing requirements (eg. SACs)
- 2:45 **Small Group Discussions: How Coastal Program can thrive in the new paradigm?**
- How can program organization help (or hinder) program implementation?
 - How can you preserve institutional knowledge during times of change?
 - What partnerships can help fill the gap left by federal disengagement?
- 3:40 **Break**
- 4:00 **Keynote: “NOAA priorities discussion”**
- Dr. Tim Petty, (*confirmed*) Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, NOAA
- 4:45 **Wrap up and logistics for the week**
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
- 5:30-7:00 **CSO-NERRA-RAE Happy Hour/Reception**
([Reservoir Center](#) ???, 301 Water St SE, Washington, DC 20003)

Weds, March 4th: **CSO Hill Day & CSO Legal Council Meeting**
Legal Council Meeting Registration (opening Jan. 2026); Fee
CSO Basement Conference Room, 50 F. St NW, Washington DC 20001, Capitol Hill, DC

9:00-5:00 **CSO Congressional meetings**

Capitol Hill, DC

10:00-3:00 **CSO Legal Council meeting**

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CSO Hybrid Legal Council meeting. Lunch provided. Separate registration required; fee for in person registration.

- Regulatory & Case Updates
- Water Quality Certification Changes
- Federal Consistency Practice
- Member Roundtable

4:00-5:00 **Congressional staff briefing**

- House Natural Resources Committee Staff (*invited*)
- Senate Commerce Committee Staff (*confirmed*)

5:30-8:00 **Hill reception celebrating the Knauss Fellowship program** (and other NOAA Fellowship programs)

325 Russell Senate Office Building, i.e., "Kennedy Caucus Room"

Thursday, March 5th: CSO Member Meeting and Regional Coordination Meetings

Georgetown Law Campus, Gewirz Student Center, Room G12 (i.e., 12th Floor Lounge), 120 F St NW, Washington, DC 20001.

8:30 **Capitol Hill Day debrief**

9:00 **Offshore Continental Shelf Resources: Navigating Sediment, Critical Minerals, and Energy Policy**

- Megan Carr, BOEM (*confirmed*)
- Sarah Alexander, Mindset (*confirmed*)
- Ariana Spawn, Environmental Regulatory Affairs Lead, Orsted (*invited*)

10:00 **Community relocation/unsustainably sited communities**

In this peer learning session, you'll hear more examples from your peers on how they're navigating conversations on unsustainably sited communities within their agencies, how

they're incorporating relocation as one of many options as they vision for the future, and how feelings of loss, grief, and connections to place are being considered in these conversations. We'll also have an opportunity to dive deeper into the Georgetown Climate Center's Managed Retreat toolkit to uncover case studies that could directly answer emerging questions that coastal programs have around this topic.

- 11:15 **Long-term Dedicated funding and CZMA Re-authorization campaign**
- Discussion and planning for long-term congressional campaigns.
- 12:00 **Field Trip Logistics and CSO Meeting Wrap-up**
- 12:15 **“Grab and Go” Lunch, transit time to new location**
- 1:30-5:00 **Regional collaboration meetings with CZM Programs, NERRs and Sea Grants**
Hosted at multiple locations:
[Reservoir Center](#), 301 Water St SE, Washington, DC 20003
[Yours Truly Hotel](#), 1143 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037
Georgetown Law Campus, [Gewirz Student Center](#), Room G12 (i.e., 12th Floor Lounge), 120 F St NW, Washington, DC 20001.
- Northeast
 - Mid-Atlantic
 - Southeast
 - Gulf
 - Great Lakes
 - West Coast/Pacific Islands
- Evening **Attendees leave or Free evening**

Friday, March 6th: Maryland Field Trip – Separate Registration “Add-On” fee

- 8:00-1:30: CSO optional site visit to Maryland
The field trip will leave from the CSO office at about 8am, and drop off at the CSO office no later than 1:30pm and at National Airport (DCA) at 2pm. The Tour will include an overview of response and rebuilding of the Key Bridge, as well as site visits demonstrating the Maryland Coastal Program's work with the Port of Baltimore, dredge material management, and restoration in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.