Topic 1: Federal Funding Implementation

Session Overview

This breakout session will review how CSO has pushed NOAA to improve funding processes in 2024, our successes, and short-term next steps.

We will discuss what topics we'd like to prioritize in 2025, if there are new issues that have come up in 2024, and how we build a coalition to make a stronger case to NOAA for systemic change.

Discussion Prompts

1. Which is the most important way to improve funding implementation at NOAA? Why?
   a. Communications from NOAA
   b. Changes to NOAA bureaucratic processes
   c. Getting GMD to review/approve quicker.

2. What are the biggest specific challenges you face in getting funding from NOAA?

3. Who else is having these problems (non-CZMPs)? How do we reach them?

Topic 2: Ocean Management

Session Overview

This session will focus on sustaining and expanding state leadership in ocean policy during the next Congress and administration. We will review and prioritize the federal programs that coastal states work with and offshore issues that coastal programs are confronting.

Discussion Prompts

1. How should CSO amplify the importance of working with coastal states and ROPs?

2. Where are the opportunities for expanded federal partnerships? Where are there vulnerabilities?

3. Who are key national allies?

Topic 3: Environmental Justice Policy

Session Overview

This breakout session will focus on implementation & communication strategies for CSO's environmental justice policy that will be voted on as a part of this fall member meeting.

We always intended for at least some version of this policy to be public facing, to assist CSO & the CZMPs in their articulation of how EJ fits into their work.

Discussion Prompts

1. How should we best communicate out the key themes of the EJ policy (who needs to see this)?

2. How can we tailor public-facing versions of the EJ policy for your use?

3. What should we prioritize when it comes to implementation of the EJ policy?

4. How should we track implementation progress and hold one another accountable?

Topic 4: National Climate Assessment 6 – Coasts Chapter

Session Lead: Vidya Balasubramanyam

Session Overview

I'm looking for a small crew of folks (4-5 of you) to help me come up with ideas for the Coasts Chapter for the next National Climate Assessment! As the author and graphics lead of this next iteration, I'd love to make this chapter more engaging, interesting, and fun to read and use.

This will be an in person work session. We'll be spending some quiet time reading and looking over the previous edition, and then we'll discuss what we observed!

https://nca2023.globalchange.gov/chapter/9/

You don't have to review in advance, I'll set aside quiet time for you to review during the breakout group.

Here's a scavenger hunt list of the things we'll be looking for:

A paragraph or section that is so boring your eyes glazed over reading it	A spot in the chapter where your work can be featured (or at least cited) 😉	A key message that you found to be vague/ not policy relevant
An image that you found to be powerful	FREE SPACE – Anything else you want to share	A community example that seemed impactful
A paragraph about technical science that you wish you could understand	Any section or paragraph that you feel motivated to read and look through in detail	A piece of info that you found interesting