



Coastal States
Organization

Spring

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Washington, DC

March 24-27, 2025



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CSO Meeting Day 1: Business Session*	Monday, March 24	9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. ET
CSO Meeting Day 2: Members and Guests*	Tuesday, March 25	8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET
Federal Engagement and Legal Council**	Wednesday, March 26	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET
NOAA Program Managers Meeting***	Thursday, March 27	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

***Pew Charitable Trusts** 901 E St. NW, Washington DC 20004 (Monday & Tuesday)

****Coastal States Organization** 50 F St NW, Washington DC 20001 & Capitol Hill (Wednesday)

*****Washington Plaza Hotel** 10 Thomas Cir NW, Washington DC 20005 (Thursday)

CSO MEETING DAY 1: BUSINESS SESSION – MEMBERS ONLY

PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS
901 E St NW, (9th St NW
between F & E St) – *be aware*
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9:00 **Coffee and Snacks**

9:30 **Welcomes and Introductions**

Derek Brockbank
Catherine McCall

10:00 **Legislative, Administrative & Regulatory**

Rebecca Dennis
John Ryan-Henry

Campaign Updates
 Regulatory
 Legislative
 Appropriations/Hill messaging
Congressional Meeting Planning
Chair’s Initiative: Public Communications

Ms. Dennis, Ms. McCall

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **CSO Business**

Minutes **VOTE**
Treasurer’s Report
 Investment update
 Final 2024 Budget v. Actual
CSO Policy Positions
 Coral Policy **VOTE**
 Coastal Hazards Policy update **VOTE**

2:00 **CSO Project updates**

Sediment (Manomet)
Great Lakes (GLRI E&D, GLCRS and ASFPM)
Supporting Under-resourced Communities
Public Trust Doctrine workshop
“No Adverse Impact”/Digital Coast Fellow Project Plan
Knauss Fellow project plan

John Ryan-Henry
Vidya Balasubramanyam
Natalie Cross
John Ryan-Henry
Allie Pouliot
Spenser Wipperfurth

3:00 **Break**

3:30 **CSSF updates**

Derek Brockbank

CSO MEETING DAY 2: MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS
901 E St NW

8:15 **Coffee and Snacks**

8:40 **Welcome**

Marcia Argust, US Conservation Director, Pew Charitable Trusts

8:50 **Welcome & Connecting Exercise**

9:15 **How Federal Agencies are approaching Coastal Management policy and funding over the next 2 years:**

*Brian Frazer, US Environmental Protection Agency
Annie Sawabini, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Megan Carr, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management*

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **“Feds” continued**

USACE Panel: Planning and project development focusing on Nature Based and Non-Structural Solutions:

A panel of Army Corps staff discussing how the Corps is approaching Nature Based Solutions (NBS) and Non-Structural Solutions in largescale studies and project plans, with an emphasis on how recent changes (to the planning guidebook; the PR&G) are being implemented and a consideration of how comprehensive (“mega-”) studies shape the future of NBS and Non-Structural work.

*Mindy Simmons, Senior Policy Advisor, USACE-HQ
Ray Wimbrough, Senior Policy Advisor, USACE-HQ
Joseph Redican, Deputy Chief, Planning and Policy Division, USACE*

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Member updates**

CSO Regional Representatives

2:15 **How CSO and CZMPs are approaching Coastal Management issues over the next 2 years:**

Supporting Coastal Communities

Open discussion with invited guests and report back on needs for continuing to support under-resourced coastal communities (continuation from Monday closed discussion)

2:45 **Break**

3:00 How CSO and CZMPs are approaching Coastal Management, continued:

Advancing the Blue Economy (“Communicating our Work”)

Breakout conversations and “workshop” among states on how they are advancing and communicating their work towards sustainable economic development in their coastal zone, including support for working waterfronts, aquaculture, tourism and more. This will include case studies and communication recommendations.

Working waterfronts – Lead Example: Maine

Natalie Cross

Aquaculture – Lead Example: Virginia

Rebecca Dennis

Beach/Coastal Tourism - Lead Examples: Florida & US Virgin Islands

Derek Brockbank

4:00 Advancing Resilience and Coastal Hazard mitigation in a dynamic era

Part 1: *Join a panel of coastal management program leaders to discuss the evolving federal/state relationship to advance coastal resilience and hazard mitigation, toward a vision for coastal state and territory leadership and community empowerment.*

Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Alison Brizius, Program Director, Office for Coastal Management, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

Henry Bell, Senior Coastal Planner, Coastal Zone Management Program, Washington State Department of Ecology

Part 2: *Engagement exercise supporting ASFPM/CSO Digital Coast project – identifying obstacles for states & local communities to implement higher coastal flood related standards*

5:15 Wrap up and next steps

5:30 Adjourn

Free evening

CSO MEETING DAY 3: FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT & LEGAL COUNCIL

Capitol Hill, &
50 F Street NW
Basement Conference Room

Option 1:

Legal Council Meeting – In person (50 F St. NW) and [Online registration here](#) (separate registration required)

10:00 **Welcome and Logistics**

10:05 **Regulatory Update**

Briefing on new administration regulatory actions.

John Ryan-Henry

10:40 **Briefing & Strategy Discussion: National Environmental Policy Act Rulemaking**

Overview of the Council on Environmental Quality's interim final rule repealing NEPA regulations and the executive order and case law driving it. Discussion of CSO priorities for future agency-specific NEPA rulemakings.

*John Ryan-Henry
Sydney Barletta, CSO Legal Extern*

11:20 **Briefing: USACE Regulatory Program**

Remarks and Q&A on the USACE Regulatory Program, including implementation of E.O. 14156 (“[Declaring a National Energy Emergency](#)”) and upcoming renewal of [USACE Nationwide Permits](#).

David B. Olson, Regulatory Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Presentation & Discussion: Developments in Takings Law**

Briefing on recent Takings case law, including U.S. Supreme Court decisions in [Sheetz v. County of El Dorado](#), 601 US ___ (2024), and [DeVillier v. Texas](#), 601 US 285 (2024). Discussion of strategic implications for coastal and floodplain management, hazard resilience, and land use controls at the state and local levels.

Thomas Ruppert, Asst. Provost for Coastal Resilience, Director, Virginia Coastal Resilience Collaborative, College of William & Mary

1:40 **Partner Discussion: NOAA National Interest Team**

Update and Q&A on CZMA federal consistency issues from the NOAA Office for Coastal Management National Interest Team. Please submit questions in advance by March 21.

*David Kaiser, Senior Policy Analyst, NOAA Office for Coastal Management
Kerry Kehoe, Federal Consistency Specialist, NOAA Office for Coastal Management*

2:20 **Break**

2:30 **Member Roundtable**

Open forum for CSO Legal Council members to share recent and upcoming legal developments.

3:00 **Adjourn**

Option 2:

Coastal Day on Capitol Hill: Meetings – on your own (or with CSO staff)

4:00 Federal Legislation Update for CSO & ASBPA with Congressional Committee Staff

Room: Dirkson Senate Office Building G-50

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Ryan Hambleton, House of Representatives Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee

Libby Callaway, Majority Staff for Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Mayely Boyce, Minority Staff for Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Dana Rollison, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

Rachel Gentile, House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources

5:00 “Coastal Celebration on Capitol Hill” Reception

Room: Hart Senate Office Building 902

Everyone is welcome to attend!

9:00 **Congressional Coastal Communities Caucus Briefing**
Attendance for speakers/panelists only.

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NOAA PROGRAM MANAGERS' MEETING

Washington Plaza Hotel

See separate Registration page for full [Agenda](#)