

Coastal States Organization

Washington, DC Meeting

March 2-5, 2025

Draft Schedule

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

9:00-5:00: CSO member meeting,
CSO Basement Conference Room, 50 F. St NW, Washington DC 20001
Tuesday will include debrief of PMM, CSO business meeting, and congressional and federal policy updates and discussion. Breakfast and Lunch provided

- Welcome, land acknowledgement, introductions and program highlights
- NOAA PMM Debrief, 2026 Outlook.
- CSO Business
 - CSO budget update
 - CSO Project updates
 - Great Lakes
- Legislative and Appropriations landscape and asks
- Regulatory/Administrative issues/updates

- Agency updates
- Communications – Strategic messaging and framing

5:30-7:00: CSO-NERRA-RAE Happy Hour/Reception (Tentative)
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

9:00-5:00: CSO Congressional meetings
Capitol Hill, DC

10:00-3:00(ish): CSO Legal Council meeting
CSO Basement Conference Room, 50 F. St NW, Washington DC 20001
 CSO Hybrid Legal Council meeting. Lunch provided. Separate registration required; fee for in person registration.

4:00 Congressional staff briefing –

- House Natural Resources
- Senate Commerce

Evening: TBD – there **will likely** be a Hill reception celebrating the Knauss Fellowship program (and other NOAA Fellowship programs),

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

9:00-12:00: CSO member meeting
CSO Basement Conference Room, 50 F. St NW, Washington DC 20001
 Thursday morning will focus on issues across all CZM programs and further congressional and federal policy discussion. Breakfast provided.

- Critical issues in Coastal Management discussions
- Maryland Coastal Management – working with transit, ports, dredge material, and restoration.

12:00-1:30: Lunch on your own, transit time to new location

1:30-5:00: Regional collaboration meetings with CZM Programs, NERRs and Sea Grants
 Hosted at 3 locations:

- CSO Basement Conference Room, 50 F. St NW, Washington DC 20001
- [Reservoir Center](#), 301 Water St SE, Washington, DC 20003
- [Yours Truly Hotel](#), 1143 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037

Meetings on regional collaboration and topics specific to regions for:

- Mid-Atlantic (likely CSO office)
- Great Lakes (likely CSO office)
- Southeast (likely Reservoir Center)
- Gulf (likely Reservoir Center)
- Northeast (likely Yours Truly Hotel)
- West Coast/Pacific Islands (likely Yours Truly Hotel)

Evening: Attendees leave or Free evening

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

8am- 1:30pm: 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.