

COASTAL STATES ORGANIZATION

ISLANDS ENGAGEMENT AND STRATEGY



Islands Engagement Strategy

- Support the work of the island coastal programs.
- Identify and disseminate resources.
- Collaborate with state, territorial, and federal agencies to create stronger partnerships between CSO, Island Members, executive agencies, NGO partners, the All Islands Committee (AIC), and more!

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Islands Engagement Update

- CSO-EPA Knauss Coastal Management Fellow Shelby Butz started February 1, 2020. She will focus a portion of her work on islands (states, territories, and commonwealths), including serving as a nexus to key contacts in EPA, FWS, NOAA and other agencies.
- Shelby will also be part of the CRTF (EPA) working with Jurisdictions to facilitate and implement Biological Condition Gradients and help identify new priority watersheds.
- Funding opportunities through FEMA [404 and 406 grants](#)
- Funding opportunities through FWS [National Coastal Wetland Grants opportunity](#)
- Funding opportunities through NOAA [Ruth Gates Coral Restoration Innovation Grants](#)

Highlighted CSO Staff Work

- Continues to educate Congress on behalf of states and territories regarding FY20 CZM Grant and National Coastal Resilience Fund appropriations.
- Submitted comment on Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on changes to Federal Consistency
- Developed a partnership with the USFWS Coastal Program and the Pacific Islands and continues strong relationship with NOAA (NOS, OCM, Corals) and EPA on corals and island issues.
- Worked with USACE and territories to share information and training to match waiver opportunities under USACE authorities
- Co-Sponsored All Island Committee Hill briefing on Corals with National Governor's Association during CRTF (*Postponed*)
- A range of other undertakings.