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In the Administration...

PRESIDENT RELEASES FY 2011 BUDGET

On February 1st, the President released his budget for FY 2011. It calls for creating jobs and reducing the deficit, as well pushing forward on an ambitious energy and environment agenda. The budget prioritizes funding for renewable-energy research, boosts nuclear power and assumes eventual enactment of climate change legislation to cap carbon emissions. The budget changes for this year are designed to foster development of clean energy and eliminate dependence on fossil fuels.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

The budget for NOAA provides \$5.55 billion, which is a 14% increase over the FY 2010 enacted level of \$4.74 billion. The proposal includes more than \$2 billion for weather satellite systems and other space-based observations, such as measurements of sea levels and other climate variables. For the National Ocean Service, the budget provides \$550.5 million, which is an increase over the previous budget and a slight decrease from \$578.7 million at FY 2010 enacted levels. The increases in the NOS budget are primarily allocated to regional ocean partnerships, coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP), development of sensors to support coastal ecosystem science, the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, and for climate change and resiliency tools and planning.

The FY 2011 budget includes \$20 million to support regional ocean partnership grants. With this increase, NOAA will establish a competitive grants program to support priority actions identified in plans of the existing regional ocean partnerships, as well as support the development and implementation of ocean management plans in other regions. Eligible grant recipients will include state, local and tribal governments, institutions of higher learning and non-profit organizations working with these regional ocean partnerships or member states.

The FY 2011 budget proposes a \$6.77 million for CMSP, which will be utilized to identify key ocean habitats and human use patterns and conflicts, develop appropriate spatial planning tools that allow the identification and allocation of marine areas to specific uses, and allow NOAA to engage in interagency and regional coordination. An increase of \$4 million was provided to the Coastal Services Center, in order to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities to the hardship and costs associated with climate-related natural hazards by developing improved environmental tools.

The President's request for Coastal Zone Management Act grants is \$66.15 million, which is level with the President's proposal last year and a decrease from FY 2010 enacted levels. Energy licensing and

appeals, a new line in the FY 2010 President's budget, will receive \$750,000. The request eliminates funding for the coastal non-point program, which was zero funding in FY 2010. CELCP is proposed to receive a \$5 million increase from FY 2010 enacted levels to \$25 million. Funding for NERRS programs was level with FY 2010 budget requests. Coral reef conservation is proposed to receive a slight increase from the FY 2010 budget request to \$26.9 million.

For more information on the NOAA budget request, please visit:
http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/nbo/11bluebook_highlights.html.

Program	FY '10 Budget	FY '10 Enacted	FY '10 Budget
CZM Grants	\$66.15 million	\$67.5 million	\$66.15 million
Coastal Nonpoint Pollution	\$0	\$0	\$0
NERRS	\$22.3 million	\$23.5 million	\$22.3 million
NERRS Construction	\$3.9 million	\$6.9 million	\$3.9 million
CZM and Stewardship (OCRM Administration)	\$10.4 million	\$8.5 million	\$8.8 million
Regional Ocean Partnerships	-	-	\$20 million
Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning	-	-	\$6.77 million
National Marine Sanctuaries	\$44.9 million	\$49 million	\$45.7 million
Marine Protected Areas	\$2.13 million	\$3 million	\$2.13 million
Coastal Services Center	\$20.3 million	\$26.6 million	\$29.99 million
Coral Reef Conservation	\$26.7 million	\$29 million	\$26.9 million
Sea Grant	\$55 million	\$63 million	\$57 million
CELCP	\$15 million ¹	\$20 million ¹	\$25 million ¹

¹ 15% to be allocated to NERRS related projects under the CELCP competition.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

The Department of Interior received a FY 2011 budget request of \$12.2 billion, \$38.7 million below FY 2010 enacted levels. The 2011 budget includes \$171.3 million for the Climate Change Adaptation initiative, which includes increased investments in the USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, expansion of monitoring in USGS and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), expansion of the USGS carbon sequestration project; expanded FWS science and planning capacity, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and FWS adaptive management activities.

The State and Tribal Wildlife grants received \$90 million; level with FY 2010 enacted levels. The budget includes \$1 million for both the Clean Vessel Act Grants and the Coral Reef Initiative for the Insular Areas. The FWS Coastal Program will receive \$14.5 million, a decrease from last year's budget of \$14.9 million. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative will receive \$50.2 million.

For more information on the Interior budget request, please visit <http://www.doi.gov/budget/>.

Program	FY '10 Budget	FY '10 Enacted	FY '11 Budget
State-side LWCF	\$30 million	\$40 million	\$50 million
State/Tribal Wildlife Grants	\$115 million	\$90 million	\$90 million
Coop. Endangered Species	\$100 million	\$85 million	\$85 million
NAWCA	\$53 million	\$47.6 million	\$42.6 million
Coral Reef Initiative	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million
FWS Coastal Program	\$14.9 million	\$15.9 million	\$14.5 million

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Administration's FY 2011 request for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is \$10.02 billion, a slight decrease from the \$10.3 billion at the FY 2010 enacted level. In the budget, funding for Clean Water Act §319 non-point source management grants is \$200.9 million, level with FY 2010 enacted and the President's FY2010 budget request. The budget includes \$274.2 million for CWA §106 grants and \$2 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Funding for state coastal monitoring and notification grants to implement the BEACH Act would remain at \$10 million. The National Estuary Programs are proposed to receive \$27.2 million; over \$5 million more than what was enacted in FY 2010. The Administration requested the following funding for geographic programs: \$63 million for the Chesapeake Bay Program, \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, \$4.5 million for the Gulf of Mexico, \$3 million for Long Island Sound, and \$20 million for Puget Sound.

For more information on the EPA budget request, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/budget/>.

Program	FY '10 Budget	FY '10 Enacted	FY '11 Budget
CWA §106	\$229.3 million	\$229.3 million	\$274.2 million
CWA §319	\$200.9 million	\$200.9 million	\$200.9 million
Clean Water SRF's	\$2.4 billion	\$2.1 billion	\$2 billion
Coastal Beach Monitoring	\$9.9 million	\$9.9 million	\$9.9 million
NEP/Coastal Watersheds	\$26.6 million	\$22.4 million	\$27.2 million

ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

The President's Budget for FY 2011 includes \$4.939 billion for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; this is a decrease from FY 2010 enacted levels. The proposed budget includes \$3.1 million for shoreline protection projects under the Corps §103 authority, \$0 for shoreline demonstration projects under the Corps §227 authority, and \$375,000 for the National Shoreline Study. The Estuary Restoration Program received \$5 million.

For more information on the Army Corps of Engineers budget request, please visit http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PID/Pages/cecwm_progdev.aspx.

Program	FY '10 Budget	FY '10 Enacted	FY '11 Budget
Shoreline Protection Projects §103	\$680,000	\$3.875 million	\$3.1 million
Shoreline Demonstration Projects §227	\$0	\$969,000	\$0
Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material §204,207,933	\$0	\$7.75 million	\$2.195 million
Regional Sediment Management	\$2 million	\$4.816 million	\$2 million
National Shoreline Study	\$375,000	\$471,000	\$375,000

At the Agencies...

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON GOM DISASTER RESPONSE CENTER

On January 22, NOAA marked the start of construction of the Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center in Mobile, Alabama. The facility, which will open in 2011, will be the regional home to a multi-functional collection of NOAA's emergency preparedness, response, restoration, and recovery assets and personnel in the Gulf of Mexico. The 15,000-square foot facility will house up to 29 personnel and be constructed to withstand a major hurricane. The center will also be devoted to conserving energy, water, and natural resources while reducing impacts on human health and the environment. To read more about the Center: <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/news/weeklynews/jan10/drc.html>.

In the States...

SC COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN IS VALID AND ENFORCEABLE

On February 1, the South Carolina Supreme Court held that the South Carolina Coastal Management Plan is valid and enforceable. In *Spectre, LLC. v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, League of Women Voters of Georgetown County, South Carolina Wildlife Federation, League of Women Voters of South Carolina, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, and League of Women Voters of Charleston Areas*, it was found that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control had properly exercised its authority under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) in denying a permit request by Spectre to fill 31.76 acres of freshwater wetlands in Horry County. To read the decision: <http://www.sccourts.org/opinions/displayOpinion.cfm?caseNo=26764>.

Announcements...

ENVIRONMENT VIRGINIA SYMPOSIUM

On April 7-8, the twenty-first annual Environment Virginia Symposium will be held at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. The theme of this year's symposium is "Maximizing Environmental Stewardship in a Challenging Economy." To learn more about the symposium or to register: www.vmi.edu/environmentva.

RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

On June 21-25 in Key Largo, Florida, The Nature Conservancy, in partnership with NOAA, will offer a workshop for Trainers from throughout the Caribbean to learn about building resilience into reef management and the tools available for addressing the impacts of climate change. The meeting will bring together managers/trainers from throughout the Caribbean to learn and share ideas that will lead to more effective long-term coral reef management. The workshop is designed to provide an atmosphere of

exchange and creative problem solving so that participants leave with a specific training plan for their locale. Resources recently developed through major international collaborations will be highlighted and distributed to participants (e.g., Resilience Toolkit, Reef Managers Guide to Bleaching, etc.) The workshop will be facilitated by regional and global experts in coral reef management. Space is limited to 25 participants for this workshop and selection is competitive. For more information on the workshop: http://www.reefresilience.org/pdf/Training_of_Trainers_Workshop_Invite.pdf.

Job Opportunities...

CSO SEEKS ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

The Coastal States Organization (CSO) is seeking an entry level professional who is interested in getting acquainted with the coastal and ocean policy field. The successful candidate will serve as CSO's Administrative Coordinator. Once proficiency and trust has been built in this capacity, the responsibilities may expand to include one or two coastal policy issues and maintenance of the CSO website. The candidate will also learn about lobbying and policy work in Washington D.C., become familiar with federal ocean and coastal programs, and get to know state coastal managers, officials at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and many other partners.

For a full job description: www.coastalstates.org. To apply please send a resume and cover letter to: csso@coastalstates.org. No phone calls, please.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY SEEKS LAND USE PLANNER

Tillamook County is seeking a Land Use Planner 3. The Land Use Planner 3 researches, develops, reports on, analyzes, interprets, and enforces state and local land use regulations and plans. The Land Use Planner 3 is the senior level staff member who has responsibility for the more complex planning and land use issues as well as current planning actions and decisions. The Land Use Planner 3 has primary responsibility in the development of recommendations for final action by the Planning Commission or Board of Commissioners. This position is specifically responsible for Coastal Resource Planning duties including implementing and maintaining the County's Coastal Resource Planning Program (including the Coastal Zone Management Act). Applications must be received by March 1. To apply: obtain an application from the Tillamook County Office of Personnel, (503) 842-3418, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141; the State Employment Department Office, 3600 East Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141; or at our website: www.co.tillamook.or.us. Completed applications must be submitted to the Personnel Office by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date (postmark accepted).

LCREP SEEKS MONITORING COORDINATOR

The Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership is seeking a Monitoring Coordinator. This position oversees implementation of the Estuary Partnership's Ecosystem Monitoring Program and represents the Estuary Partnership at technical meetings. Minimum qualifications include two years experience in a scientifically based area and at least one year of the experience must be at a technical position performing activities in a natural resource program relating to water quality or ecosystem monitoring. A Bachelor's degree in field related to water quality, marine sciences, biology or habitat conservation is required. A Master's degree in a related field will substitute for up to one year of the required experience. Submit formal letter of application that addresses the job description and related experience along with a resume with dates of employment and specific duties by 4:00 pm, February 19, 2010 to 811 SW Naito Pkwy, Suite 410, Portland, OR 97204. Electronic submissions must be sent as PDF attachments to lcrep@lcrep.org. Please see www.lcrep.org for a complete job description.

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