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*At CSO...*

### **CSO TO HOST CZMA BRIEFING**

On Tuesday, July 7, CSO will host a Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) briefing, *The Coasts & CZMA: A Stimulus for the U.S.* The briefing will take place at 11:00 AM at 2456 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC. The briefing will focus on the continued importance of the CZMA, especially in the context of the significant economic contribution of the coasts to the nation. As Congress considers important legislation for climate change adaptation and energy policy, it must also renew its commitment to the CZMA, demonstrating its role as complementary legislation that allows coastal states and communities to plan for and manage new challenges including climate change adaptation and renewable energy development. Speakers will include: Linwood Pendleton, Senior Fellow and Director of Economic Research, The Ocean Foundation; Dave Sanford, Director of Navigation Policy and Legislation, American Association of Port Authorities; Jim Connors, Coastal Access and Working Waterfronts Program Manager, Maine State Planning Office; and Jonathan Stone, Executive Director, Save the Bay (RI). The panel will be moderated by Beth Strobridge of the National Governors Association.

Please join CSO, as well as co-sponsors Restore America's Estuaries and the Association of State Floodplain Managers, and supporters, the National Estuarine Research Reserve Association and Members of the CZMA Coalition, for a discussion of the coastal economy, the importance of management and why *now* is the time to reauthorize the CZMA.

*On the Hill...*

Congress is currently in recess.

### **HOUSE PASSES CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION**

On June 26, the House passed the *America's Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009*, H.R. 2454. Overall, H.R. 2454 would establish a cap-and-trade program under which the EPA Administrator would annually distribute permits (called "allowances") to industries and government entities to release greenhouse gas pollution, with the number of allowances declining each year ("caps" on emissions). Of interest to CSO are provisions in the bill for an adaptation program to address the full array of impacts of climate change, adaptation for natural resources, and marine spatial planning. To read the bill:

<http://www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?c111:3:./temp/~c111IwYmgH:>

## HOUSE PASSES APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTERIOR

Last week, the House passed H.R. 2996, a bill making appropriations for Interior, Environment, and related agencies for FY 2010. Overall, EPA would receive about \$10.5 billion, 38% more than allocated in FY09. DOI would receive \$10.97 billion overall, an increase over the \$10.14 billion received in FY09. Below are numbers for programs within DOI and EPA that CSO follows.

### Department of Interior

In the Department of Interior, the State and Tribal Wildlife grants received approximately \$115 million, approximately \$40 million more than FY09, and equal to the FY10 President's budget. The Coral Reef Initiative received \$1 million, equal to FY09 and the FY10 President's budget.

<b>Programs</b>	<b>FY '09 Enacted</b>	<b>FY '10 President's Budget</b>	<b>House FY '10</b>
State-side LWCF	-\$30 million	-\$30 million	\$0
State/Tribal Wildlife	\$75 million	\$115 million	\$115 million
Coop. Endangered Species	\$80 million	\$100 million	\$100 million
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	\$43 million	\$53 million	\$53 million
Coastal Wetlands Conservation	\$38.5 million	\$36.75 million	Not available
Coral Reef Initiative	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million
FWS Coastal Program	\$14.7 million	\$14.9 million	\$16.1 million
Clean Vessel Act Grants	\$13.9 million	\$13.75 million	Not available

### Environmental Protection Agency

In the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Clean Water Act (CWA) §106 received \$229.26 million and CWA §319 received \$200.86 million, both consistent with that received in FY09 and recommended in the President's FY10 budget. The clean water state revolving fund received \$2.3 billion, \$1.62 billion more than in FY09 and approximately \$1 million less than in the President's FY10 budget. Of interest to CSO, these geographic programs received the following funding: Chesapeake Bay, \$50 million; Great Lakes, \$0; San Francisco Bay, \$15 million; Puget Sound, \$50 million; Long Island Sound, \$15 million; Gulf of Mexico, \$10 million; Lake Champlain, \$5 million; Lake Pontchartrain, \$3 million.

<b>Programs</b>	<b>FY '09 Enacted</b>	<b>FY '10 President's Budget</b>	<b>House FY '10</b>
CWA §106	\$218.5 million	\$229.3 million	\$229.3 million
CWA §319	\$200.9 million	\$200.9 million	\$200.9 million
Clean Water SRF's	\$689 million	\$2.4 billion	\$2.3 billion

Coastal Beach Monitoring	\$9.9 million	\$9.9 million	\$9.9 million
Targeted Watersheds	\$0	\$0	\$0
NEP/Coastal Watersheds	\$26.6 million	\$26.6 million	\$38.2 million

**SENATE COMMITTEE PASSES FY10 APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES**

Last week, the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved legislation that would increase funding for environment-related agencies. The draft spending bill for FY10 includes the Interior Department and the EPA. The bill provides \$10.19 billion for EPA, which is \$2.5 billion (33%) above the FY09 level. Included in the EPA funds is \$2.88 billion for environmental programs and management activities, an increase of \$486 million from FY09, \$112 million of which is allocated for climate protection activities, and \$478 million for environmental protection programs focused on regional water bodies such as the Great Lakes. Also included in the overall EPA funding is \$1.11 billion to States and tribes to fund environmental regulation and protection activities, \$16 million more than FY09. The bill provides \$10.97 billion for DOI, \$897 million above FY09, but \$7 million below the President’s FY10 budget. More information will be available in subsequent Weekly Reports.

*In the States...*

**MASSACHUSETTS RELEASES DRAFT OCEAN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This week, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs released a draft ocean management plan of the state for public comment. The plan is intended to balance natural resource preservation with new and traditional uses, including renewable energy. The draft plan establishes three management categories for Massachusetts coastal waters: prohibited areas, multiuse areas, and renewable energy areas. The draft plan also identifies two proposed wind energy areas adjacent to federal waters. The plan was required by the Massachusetts Oceans Act, which was signed by Gov. Deval Patrick in May 2008. The state plans to hold a series of public hearings on the proposal in the first two weeks of September, and will subsequently accept public comments for a period of 60 days. To read the plan: [http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/mop/draft\\_plan/v1/draft-v1-complete.pdf](http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/mop/draft_plan/v1/draft-v1-complete.pdf).

*At the Agencies...*

**NOAA ANNOUNCES \$167 MILLION IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING**

On June 30, Commerce Secretary Gary Locke announced 50 habitat restorations projects that will restore damaged wetlands, shellfish beds, coral reefs and reopen fish passages that boost the health and resiliency of the nation’s coastal and Great Lakes communities. The funding will be allocated from the \$167 million provided to NOAA for marine and coastal habitat restoration under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. The 50 projects are located in 22 states and two territories, and will restore more than 8,900 acres of habitat and remove obsolete and unsafe dams that will open more than 700 stream miles where fish migrate and spawn. The projects will also remove more than 850 metric tons of debris, rebuild oyster and other shellfish habitat, and reduce threats to 11,750 acres of coral reefs. To read about the projects: <http://www.noaa.gov/recovery/>.

*Announcements...*

**IMSG SEEKS CORAL REEF AND COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM SPECIALIST**

NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation and Coastal Zone Management Programs, through the contract firm I.M. Systems Group (IMSG), is seeking a program specialist to serve as the management liaison with the Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The position will physically be located on either Guam or Saipan, and is organizationally housed within NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. For a full description: <http://www.imsig.com>. Candidates may apply by e-mailing a cover letter, resume, and three references (MS Word format strongly preferred) to:

jobs@img.com with the subject heading: NOA09030 - Coral Reef and Coastal Programs Specialist. IMMSG will be accepting applications until July 31, 2009.

\*\*\* Happy Independence Day! The next Weekly Report will be published on July 10, 2009. \*\*\*

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