

Draft Coastal Assessment and Strategy

On February 28, 2006, the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) will host a public meeting to solicit oral and written comments on its Draft Coastal Assessment and Strategy. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reviews the Assessment and Strategy for probable grant funding to states to enhance management efforts in the following program areas: Wetlands, Public Access, Coastal Hazards, Cumulative and Secondary Impacts, Energy and Government Facility Siting, Marine Debris, Ocean Resources, Special Area Management, and Aquaculture. State Coastal Zone Management Programs are required to review progress in these areas every five years, and update and develop new strategies as appropriate. The Draft Coastal Assessment and Strategy can be found at: <http://www.mass.gov/czm/309/309.pdf> . The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Atrium of 251 Causeway Street, Boston. Prior to February 28, written comments may be emailed to czm@state.ma.us or mailed to CZM, Attention: Sarah Joor, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02114.