



Agenda:

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Tom McDonald** and **Lori Cary-Kothera** are the co-chairs for this committee
- ASFPM has 12 committees whose role is to support the execution of ASFPM's Strategic Plan focus areas and provide a forum to share information and discuss timely topics relevant to coastal issues.
- The committee develops an [annual work plan](#) based on the needs of the committee members and ASFPM office needs.
- Last year our focus was to set up a quarterly lunch and learn series. This year we will be conducting monthly calls and continuing to support the Digital Coast Partnership and pilot work in Georgia to install SLR monitoring devices.
- 20 people from across the county participated in the call. Unfortunately after the call we realized that the call was limited to 25 people. In the future we will have a larger capacity phone line.

- **Conference recap**

- During the ASFPM Annual National Conference the Coastal Committee held its meeting.
- Agenda items included updates from federal agencies, tools demos, updates on the coastal CRS elements.
- **Mark Osler**, NOAA's Senior Advisor for Coastal Inundation and Resilience, challenged the group to really be a voice for advocacy within ASFPM. Coastal communities are on the forefront to address many climate impacts. Floodplain managers are well equipped to help share technical knowledge and inform local decision making.
- Attendees wanted to continue the webinar series, plus have a platform to openly discuss other topics of interest.

- **CBRA updates**

- On the policy front, this committee has been providing comments on the [Coastal Barrier Resource Act \(CBRA\)](#). The CBRA ensures that coastal areas at high risk of flooding are designated not to receive federal funding or insurance. Many areas within CBRA zones are conservation areas. These prove to be good strategy and has saved taxpayers [\\$9.5 billion between 1989 and 2013](#) in disaster expenditures. ASFPM is very supportive of this program and has submitted two letters ([one in partnership with the Association of State Wetland Managers \(ASWM\)](#) during the various open registry review periods).
- CBRA zones have also been removed from FEMA maps. This is a bit of a disappointment, as it is now a bit harder to find this information. However USFWS has developed a [CBRS Mapper](#) to see the boundaries.



- There has also been interest in the northeast to try and modify the CBRA program to allow for offshore mining. This is of great concern to ASFPM. Removal of the sand will change the natural nourishment process and could cause erosion in these areas. ASFPM has partnered with the Audubon Society and AWSM on this topic. Together we are working to educate Congress on the dangers in changing this policy. Audubon is working to set up an educational Hill briefing in September.
- **Updates from the ASFPM Board**
  - Have a new board in place.
  - Focused and watching the NFIP reauthorization. Need to have change, but prioritize and limit changes to ensure passage
  - Rebuilding levees after a flood. Not rush to rebuild Bigger, Better and Stronger. Need to change the policy with grants that require a study to ensure levees are not causing adverse impact to neighbors upstream or downstream,
  - Comment period just closed on FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). New reference to PDM. Need to ensure funds are utilized by local governments to elevate and demo flooded structures; not absorbed into Corp of Engineer projects.
  - CBDG-DR. ASFPM is proactive in preventing Congress from eliminate the 2 feet free board requirement within the policy language.
  - CFM Test. New test out in 2020. Added new questions, reworded obscure questions and retired some questions. Currently about 10,800 CFMs.
- **Update of Georgia activities**
  - Sea Level Rise Study Grant. Local engineering company held a couple of meetings gathering GIS layers and stormwater network system. Modeling underway to set up the base using existing storm events to ensure accurate projection.
  - Smart Sea Level Sensors in Chatham County, Georgia. Used to ensure bridges were not overtopped during a storm event. Installed more than 30 sensors and 10 gateways. Hope to have more than 50 sensors. Can use sensors on tidal creeks and known flooded streets. Will be displayed equal NOAA tide, distance of feet from sensor to water level, and NAVD 1988 datum.
- **Future Work Plan Focus Areas**
  - Will be updating the annual work plan in September
  - Looking for committee feedback.
  - Will continue to work on our Digital Coast Partnership Connects project and our Sea Level Rise sensor pilot in Georgia.



- **Other topics people are interested in**
  - WATER LEVEL MONITORING! Very key topic (Between the gauges)
  - Managed Retreat - interested in inland and coastal strategies
  - 2D modeling - particular coastal overland modeling
  - CRS - updates from the Coastal CRS workgroup. The co-chairs are on the CRS Committees calls. Please inform any changes or interest topics we can bring to their attention. The CRS Committee makes recommendations to the CRS Taskforce. Example of a current question is the LiMWA point system for communities. Is the point granted unfairly distributed between larger and smaller communities?
- **Upcoming events**
  - Webinar: **Amy Knowles** from Miami Dade, Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. EST. details coming soon