

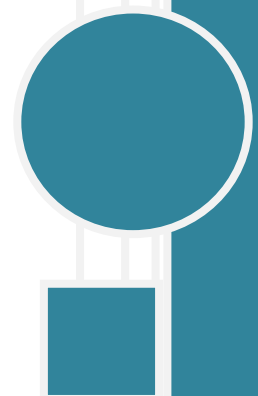
# ASFPM COASTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

*Annual Conference-Atlanta, Georgia*



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### **1.0 Overview**

The primary mission of the Coastal Issues Committee is to develop and promote education, policies and activities aimed at reducing the costs and impacts of coastal flooding, and protecting and preserving the natural and beneficial functions of coastal floodplains, associated coastal ecosystems and the services they provide.

To help fulfill this mission, this committee focuses its work in four areas:

- Fostering communication and dialogue and strengthen working relationships among the various professionals (e.g., floodplain managers, coastal zone managers, other government officials, interest groups) engaged in managing and/or protecting coastal floodplains and resources;
- Linking coastal floodplain managers with information and resources that will enable them to enhance their knowledge, develop skills and meet their professional responsibilities vis a vis floodplain management;
- Identifying and, where possible, aiding in the resolution of technical and policy-related issues concerning coastal flood risk identification and floodplain management; and
- Promoting progressive coastal floodplain policy at the national and state levels.

### **1.1 Committee co-chairs:**

- Tim Hillier, P.E., CFM
- Tom McDonald, CFM

### **1.2 Liaison:**

- Allison Hardin, CFM
- Maria Honeycutt, Ph.D., CFM
- Mark Mauriello
- Wes Shaw

### 1.3 Subcommittees:

- **Modeling and Mapping**
- **Climate Change**
- **Beach Nourishment**

## 2.0 Accomplishments

Provided below is a summary of progress and accomplishments achieved by Coastal Issues Committee for 2014-2015.

### 2.1 Ongoing Work Items

A summary of progress on the Coastal Issues Committee ongoing work items for 2013-2014 is as follows:

#### 1. **Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee conference calls and retreat.**

The co-chairs participated in ASFPM Policy Committee conference calls Oct. 7, 2014, Dec. 16, 2014 and April 7, 2015. Tom McDonald attended the ASFPM Policy Committee retreat July 29-31, 2014.

#### 2. **Attend Policy Committee chair meeting at the annual conference and hold an annual meeting.**

Co-chairs attended annual conference Policy Committee chair meeting June 1, 2014 and led an annual meeting June 2, 2014.

During the June 2 meeting we discussed:

- The structure of Coastal Issues Committee meetings to include topics and frequency. Areas our members can provide input: FEMA Riskmap, CRS and partner with other organizations.
- Digital Coast. North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study
- Subcommittees: National Flood Programs and Policy in Review
- Members to help in other aspects to include mapping and insurance topics
- Increase population and development in coastal floodplain
- NOAA: Sea Level Rise: Communicate the Risk using Hazus for inundation, hurricane. Digital Coast website update “How to” to reflect existing flooding and future flooding. One foot of sea level rise: reduces economy due to decrease of land, buildings and parks.

3. **Organize, facilitate, and complete action items associated with bimonthly committee conference calls**  
Committee conference calls were held July 22, 2014 and Jan. 27, 2015. Topics discussed included: committee objectives, National Flood Programs and Policy Revisions for 2015, North Atlantic Comprehensive Coastal Study (USACE), Digital Coast Partnership (NOAA).
4. **Organize, facilitate, and complete action items associated with quarterly subcommittee conference calls**  
Quarterly subcommittee conference calls were not held during 2014-2015.
5. **Develop and maintain committee websites (public and internal)**  
Recommendations for updates to the Coastal Issues Committee website were not provided during 2014-2015. Investigations into a knowledge share portal were led by Wes Shaw. The website was test by the co-chairs. Wes was able to correct the testing errors to include uploading pictures and posting comments on the website
6. **Assist with ASFPM participation on FEMA operating partners meetings**  
Due to reduced coastal focus of operating partners meetings, participation by Coastal Issues Committee was limited for 2014-2015.

## 2.2 Work items for the 2013-2014 Year

A summary of progress on Coastal Issues Committee work items that were specific to 2013-2014:

1. **Improve committee structure and function**  
2014-2015 saw greater coordination within the Coastal Issue Committee. Committee conference calls were held twice during the course of the year with the objectives of the keeping the committee membership informed of current relevant activities.

Committee membership was actively engaged in the update to ASFPM's National Flood Programs and Policy Revisions. Led by Maria Honeycutt, numerous members provided detailed feedback to the update with a specific focus on coastal issues.

Looking forward to 2015-2016, the committee anticipates greater focus on subcommittees attempting to engage the membership further on

specific action items such as white papers and review of coastal policy issues.

**2. National policy support**

The primary support the Coastal Issues Committee provided to ASFPM regarding the national policy providing comments for the National Flood Programs and Policy Revisions 2015 update. Led by Maria Honeycutt, numerous members provided detailed feedback to the update with a specific focus on coastal issues.

Ad hoc policy support was provided as needed for topics such as fill in the V Zone and public facilities located in coastal flood hazards.

**3. Digital Coast support**

ASFPM and the Coastal Issues Committee were active in support of the Digital Coast partnership. Jeff Stone, executive office, serves as the primary point of contact for ASFPM within the partnership. ASFPM participated in the Digital Coast partnership meetings held Aug. 19 - 21, 2014 in Milwaukee, WI and March 30, 2015 in Charleston, SC. Attendees at these event included ASFPM EO, Tim Hillier, Tom McDonald and Allison Hardin.

Tom McDonald provided a local CRS perspective at a special interest meeting during the Coastal Geotools Conference.

**4. Coastal climate adaptation support**

ASFPM made limited requests to the Coastal Issues Committee for support related to coastal climate adaptation. No discussion papers were developed by the Coastal Issues Committee during 2014-2015.

**5. FIFM-TF:**

Tom McDonald provided feedback for the report.