

ASFPM Coastal Issues Committee Status Report



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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 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, the 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, etc.) engaged in managing and/or protecting coastal floodplains and resources.
- Linking coastal floodplain managers with information and resources that enables 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
- Joy Duperault
- Lori Cary-Kothera

1.3 Subcommittees:

- Modeling and Mapping (M&M)
- Climate Change (CC)
- Green Infrastructure (GI)
- Collaboration Tools (CT)

2.0 Accomplishments

Provided below is a summary of progress and accomplishments achieved by Coastal Issues Committee for 2016-2017.

2.1 Ongoing Work Items

A summary of progress on the Coastal Issues Committee ongoing work items for 2016-2017 is as follows:

- 1. Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee conference calls and retreat.**
The co-chairs participated in ASFPM Policy Committee conference calls Oct. 4, 2016 and Jan. 12, 2017. Tom McDonald attended the ASFPM Policy Committee Retreat Aug. 16-18, 2016 in Madison, WI.
- 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 19, 2016 and led an annual meeting on June 20, 2016.
- 3. Organize, facilitate and complete action items associated with bimonthly committee conference calls.**
Bimonthly committee conference calls were held during 2016-2017.
- 4. Organize , facilitate and complete action items associated with quarterly subcommittee conference calls.**
Quarterly subcommittee conference calls were not held during 2016-2017.
- 5. Develop and maintain committee websites (public and internal).**
Recommendations for updates to the Coastal Issues Committee website were not provided during 2016-2017. Trying to figure out log on security and if "LinkedIn" already provides the same services. Investigations into a knowledge share portal were led by Wes Shaw.
- 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 2016-2017.

2.2 Work Items for the 2016-2017 Year

A summary of progress on Coastal Issues Committee work items specific to 2016-2017:

- 1. 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 meeting held Sept. 28-29, 2016 in Providence, RI. Attendees at these

event included ASFPM executive office, Tim Hillier. Jeff Stone attended the Coastal GeoTools conference Feb 6-9, 2017.

2. Green Infrastructure

During the 2016 Grand Rapids conference, committee attendees identified green infrastructure as an opportunity to advance coastal issues. The objective would be to develop a handout that will provide brief description, techniques and benefits of a specific GI topic and objective.

3. CRS Activity Mini-Training Video

During the 2016 national conference Coastal Issues Committee meeting, Wesley Shaw facilitated the CRS breakout session. The group focused on "Sharing Content/Experience on CRS Efforts." Wes is leading the efforts to create mini videos of various CRS components.

4. National Policy

ASFPM made limited requests to the Coastal Issues Committee to provide input on coastal topics (e.g. Primary Frontal Dunes) related to the Technical Mapping Advisory Committee. A smaller group of technical experts assembled to discuss the requirements and develop recommendations.