

Association of State Floodplain Managers

www.floods.org

ASFPM Coastal Issues Committee Status Report



Tim Hillier, P.E., CFM, Committee Co-chair
Tom McDonald, CFM, Committee Co-chair
May 23, 2018



ASFPM Coastal Issues Committee 2017-2018 Status Report

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, the Coastal Issues 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
- 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 2017-2018.

2.1 Ongoing Work Items

A summary of progress on the Coastal Issues Committee ongoing work items for 2017-2018 is as follows:

1. Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee Conference Calls and Retreat.

The co-chairs participated in ASFPM Policy Committee Conference calls Oct. 3, 2017, Feb. 13, 2018 and April 3, 2018. Due to Hurricane Irma, selected representative Co-chair Tom McDonald was not able to attend the ASFPM Policy Committee Retreat on Sept. 12-14, 2017

2. Attend Policy Committee Chair Meeting at the annual conference and hold an annual meeting.

Co-chairs were not in attendance at the annual conference Policy Committee Chair Meeting April 30, 2017. Tim Hillier led the Coastal National Policy Discussions annual meeting May 1, 2017

3. Organize, facilitate and complete action items associated with bimonthly committee conference calls

Committee conference call was held May 31, 2018.

4. Organize, facilitate and complete action items associated with quarterly subcommittee conference calls

Quarterly subcommittee conference calls were not held during 2017-2018.

5. Develop and maintain committee websites (public and internal)

Recommendations for updates to the Coastal Issues Committee website were not provided during 2017-2018. Continue to investigate alternatives for a knowledge share portal. Security

requirements as well as duplication with existing services on LinkedIn are under consideration. Effort is being 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 2017-2018.

2.2 Work Items for the 2017-2018 Year

A summary of progress on Coastal Issues Committee work items that were 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. 19-21, 2017 in Washington, DC. Attendees at these event included ASFPM EO and Tim Hillier.

2. Green Infrastructure

During the 2016 Grand Rapids and 2017 Kansas City conferences, 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 green infrastructure topic and objectives.

3. CRS Activity Mini-training Video

Our committee still is interested in coordinating with Wesley Shaw to develop mini videos of various CRS components called "Sharing Content/Experience on CRS Efforts."

4. National Policy

ASFPM made limited requests to the Coastal Issues Committee, but was requested 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.