

Advancing Coastal Priorities in the 111th Congress: Opportunities for GLC & CSO

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*The Coastal States Organization (CSO)
is a 35 member organization of coastal states, territories, and
commonwealths
dedicated to the health and well being of the nation's ocean
and coastal resources.*

*Seven of the eight Great Lakes States have CZMA approved
Coastal Management Programs and are members of the
Coastal States Organization*



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Call for Action

- *Support State and Local Efforts to adapt to Climate Change*
- *Establish a New “Constitution” for the Coast through Reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act*
- *Create a National Ocean Trust Fund to increase Funding for Ocean and Coastal Issues*



Energy: Ocean & Coastal Trust Fund

CSO calls for:

- ◆ *Establishment of an Ocean & Coastal Trust Fund*
- ◆ *Disbursement of funds to coastal states and federal agencies*
- ◆ *Funds would support management, protection and understanding of U.S. coasts, oceans, Great Lakes & islands*

**These funds would be allocated over and above existing appropriations.*



Energy: Ocean & Coastal Trust Fund

In federal energy legislation, CSO Requests

- 1) Establishment of a permanent Trust Fund composed of unallocated federal revenues from existing and future Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) activities and future cap and trade revenues*
- 2) Disbursement of Trust Fund monies to Coastal States, other appropriate coastal authorities, and federal agencies to support the management, protection, and understanding of the natural and economic resources along U.S. Coasts, Oceans Great Lakes and Islands*



Energy: Ocean & Coastal Trust Fund & Alternative Energy Facilities

In federal energy legislation, CSO Requests (cont.)

- 3) Provision of funds over and above existing appropriations to meet the increasingly complex needs of Ocean and Coastal Managers*
- 4) Clarification of the jurisdiction of the Minerals Management Service and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding siting of alternative energy facilities*



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What would be the source of the funds?

- ❖ *Unallocated revenues from traditional (oil and gas) and renewable (wind and wave) energy development*
- ❖ *Future carbon cap and trade system*



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How would the funds be allocated?

- ❖ *CSO does not have a formal position on allocation at this point, but recommends consultation with coastal states in the development of any program or formula for revenue sharing*
- ❖ *CSO workgroup worked on legislative language last year that would have allocated a base amount for each coastal state and then allocated funds based on shoreline miles and coastal population. Funding was also considered for federal agencies and for grant programs*



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Would the funds go through State CZMA programs?

- ❖ There are several models to consider, but the most likely option is to have the Governor of each state determine the distribution of the funds within the state*

How might Regional programs such as the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration be funded?

- ❖ Depending on the potential uses of the fund described in any final legislation, portions of the revenue could be used to address regional priorities on a state by state basis*



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How might the prohibition of drilling for oil and gas in the Great Lakes affect potential revenue from the fund?

- ❖ *The sources of revenue being considered for the trust fund would come from unallocated resources in federal waters. Even if allowed, revenue from oil and gas extraction in the Great Lakes States would go directly to the respective states, not into the fund.*
- ❖ *Some states already producing oil and gas in the OCS are hesitant to share revenue, therefore important to have diverse sources of funding (example: cap and trade) for distribution*



Prioritizing Coastal Resources in the 111th

Please join CSO's Call for Action which calls for Congress and the Obama Administration to Prioritize:

- ◆ *Reauthorization of the CZMA*
- ◆ *Support for Climate Change Adaptation*
- ◆ *Establishment of an Ocean & Coastal Trust Fund*

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