

# Governors' South Atlantic Alliance



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## CZMA 101

# Federal Enabling Law

- The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451, et seq.) made coastal states eligible to develop management programs
- Federal regulations: 15 CFR 930
- Why? Addressed national issues by incentivizing state coastal management through annual funding & federal consistency authority

# Federal Consistency

- Operates as a limited waiver of federal supremacy
- Provides authority to review federal actions; objections to a permit or a funding decision block the federal approval
- Federal authority originates at 16 U.S.C. § 1456 (Section 307)

Actions subject to review: all direct and indirect federal activities affecting land, water, or natural resources of the coastal zone

- Direct activities
- Assistance activities
- License or permit activities

# Funding

- **16 U.S.C. § 1455. Administrative grants (Section 306)**
- **16 U.S.C. § 1456b. Coastal Zone Enhancement Grants (Section 309)**
  - Grants may be made to coastal states to provide funding for development and submission for Federal approval of program changes that support attainment of one or more coastal zone enhancement objectives.

# Section 309 Assessment

- Evaluates need for improvements in the 9 enhancement objective areas
- Determines extent to which problems and opportunities exist and effectiveness of efforts to address those problems
- Includes factual basis for NOAA and states to determine priority needs for program improvements

# Section 309 Strategies

- Statement of goals and methods to achieve specific program changes (“routine program change” or “amendment”)
- Address priority needs identified by NOAA in consultation with the state
- Includes task descriptions, cost estimates, milestones

# 309 Timeline

June 30, 2014	Final revised Section 309 Guidance Issued
July 1, 2014	Begin developing assessment & strategy
Late Summer/Fall 2015 (tentative)	NOAA runs PSM Competition for FY16 awards
Winter/Spring 2016	States develop Sect. 309 tasks to begin work on 2016-2020 strategies
July 1, 2016	2016 FY16 CZM awards issued; states begin work on 2016-2020 strategies
October 1, 2016	FY16 PSM awards issued; states begin work on PSM projects