



## Coastal Policy Team

### Agenda

February 15, 2023

10:00am – 2:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, VA

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10:00 Welcome & Introductions

10:10 **Review handout** on types of CZM grants and their timeframes (see handout and scroll down to end of this file)

10:20 Update and discussion on **FY 20, 21 and 22 306A funds**

- FY20 – \$412,229 MPPDC Hog Island Restoration (at NOAA for review)
- FY21 – \$442,862 Task 9.01 is 306A. Tasks 9.02 and 10 are 306
  - Task 9.01 DWR Accomack Forest & Wetland Restoration \$396,964 (at NOAA for review)
  - Task 9.02 CCB Habitat Restoration/Management Planning \$ 31,276 (at NOAA for review)
  - Task 10 CCB Urban Colonial Waterbird Survey \$ 14,622 (under contract)
- FY22 - \$390,145. 306A Tasks
  - Task 9 DCR North Landing River NAP Improvements \$203,603 (ready to submit to NOAA after Feb 15)
  - Task 10 MPPDC New Pt Comfort Boardwalk \$150,000? (being developed by MPPDC)
  - Remaining funds \$ 36,542

#### Notes:

- There is a backlog of 306A and BIL projects to be reviewed and approved by NOAA. NOAA has asked that we not do any 306A projects for FY23.
- FY20 Hog Island Restoration is in Middle Peninsula, which is a NOAA Habitat Focus Area.
  - Project has already been put out to bid. MPPDC is in negotiations with contractors.
  - Grant ends September 30.
  - Natrx products will be used for the Living Shoreline. These products are manufactured using a 3D concrete printer and are 40% cheaper than granite.
  - The fetch comes all the way from Africa, so we need custom designed concrete living shoreline structures for this high wave energy area.
  - This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> project of its kind in VA.
  - FY21 DWR in Accomack County. 100 Acres of wetland restoration and 200 acres of timber/habitat restoration.

- Wetlands restoration is all scoped out and ready to go.
- Working on the timber element.
- Lots of moving parts, numerous parcels, and lots for NEPA review.
- This grant ends September 30 but will likely need an extension.
- Center for Conservation Biology has a companion CZM project for adaptive management of parcels that are acquired.
- FY21 Urban Colonial Waterbird Survey
  - Survey is done every 10 years and is funded by several pots of money including CZM 306 funds.
  - How are we counting the birds on the new barges at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel? Not sure, but theoretically they aren't new birds.
    - The timing for the construction of the new island is slated to be completed sometime in calendar year 2025.
  - Since the last survey 10 years ago, a new colony of snowy egrets has begun nesting there.
- FY22 DCR North Landing River NAP Improvements
  - CZM had funded a boardwalk there back in the 90's.
  - Had to shut down public access because of parking problems ~20 years ago
  - Once the project is approved by NOAA, DCR can probably turn the project around in a year, if the appropriate engineer is assigned to the project.
  - This project could use a bit more funding if any becomes available – \$36k might become available.
- FY22 New Pt. Comfort Boardwalk Restoration
  - Could go up to \$150k, but unlikely to be that high.
  - 306A money can't be spent on private property, and VDOT is not sure where their property ends. If their property ends short of the boardwalk, we have a problem. VDOT is doing a survey to determine property lines. May need to secure a public easement from the property owner.
  - VIMS created a shoreline analysis to determine how the sediment is moving/eroding. It appears the sand is moving from the point up the western shore of the peninsula toward the boardwalk, making it unnecessary to change the footprint of the boardwalk
  - This is the only point on public property from which you can see the New Point Comfort Lighthouse
  - Caution – delay talking to community groups until you have your paperwork in order. It's difficult for them to wait for all plans and reviews to be completed.

Next Steps:

- Finalize funding amounts for both FY22 306A projects and submit 306A documentation to NOAA. NOAA had requested we not submit documentation until after Feb 15, 2023.
- These projects may need extensions.

10:30 FY20-22 Section 306 **Coastal Resilience Focal Area – Year 3**

- AN/MP/NN/RR Resilience through Ecotourism (Jessica Steelman)
  - Long term website maintenance plan
- VIMS/DCR Conservation Targeting for Resilience (Joe Weber, Rob Isdell or Pam Mason)

- MPPDC Nearshore Habitat/NextGen Shorelines (Lewie Lawrence)
  - FY22 medium energy shoreline plan
  - FY22 New Pt Comfort boardwalk restoration

Notes:

**VIMS/DCR Conservation Targeting for Resilience**

DCR – Prioritization of Natural Heritage Resources in Coastal Zone.

- Purpose is to address biodiversity threatened by climate change
- Year 1 conducted prioritization for occurrences of resources on resilient sites.
- Year 2 used information to conduct field studies on sites that were identified.

Over the course of 42 days, DCR field biologists surveyed for and/or discovered:

- 166 occurrences of Natural Heritage Resources (plants, animals, and natural communities)
- 87 were found again and updated
- 15 new EOs were discovered
- 64 occurrences we not relocated
- A total of 61 EOs prioritized as ‘Very High’ or ‘High’ were looked for; 23 were found again
- Of the 42 EOs that had not been observed in 30 years or more, 13 were found again.
- Year 3 team is completing data entry into database (BIOTICS). These will be used to identify essential conservation sites in the coastal zone.
  - Main product of this year will be a strategy to target the highest probability of occurrences on resilient sites.

**VIMS** – Focus has been on mapping habitat shifts, particularly marsh migration, throughout the coastal zone.

- Modeling of those shifts is being done on decadal time steps.
- Interesting observations at this point – not a lot of significant habitat changes leading up to 2050, but there will be significant changes in the second half of the century.
- The project is extended due to delays in subawards in Year 1.
- The plan for this year is to start working with stakeholder group to develop the best ways to make this data useful. For example, what types of visualizers or mappers would be useful.
- First meeting was in October, second meeting planned for March.

**VCPC** – role is to consider legal ramifications of shifting habitats and the impact of those habitats on species (since we protect habitats).

- Just started working with students to pull together some initial information.
- This year they will do a more in-depth legal analysis to identify gaps in management of a migrating landscape.
- There is just one stakeholder group, but VIMS would like to include the considerations DCR has for how to share/use their data in the discussions of this group.

**MPPDC Nearshore Habitat/NexGen Shorelines**

MP provides funding to homeowners for flooding related to climate change – Fight the Flood.

- There's been a change in the way homeowners plan to protect their shorelines. They are thinking about it from the perspective of threat to their investment and they are also thinking about how much they can spend.
- Scientific community has been championing reach based planning, but that's difficult with private property owners.
- MPPDC is looking at choices for high, moderate, and low energy shorelines. FY21 grant is looking at high energy, and FY22 is looking at moderate energy. As the energy levels change, it brings in a range of options for homeowners to consider.

### **AN, MP, NN PDCs and Plan RVA Resilience through Ecotourism**

- When we started out as a group, there were independent efforts to promote recreation/ecotourism.
- Coming together and making the vawatertrails.org website and other efforts have really launched outdoor recreation in all of our areas.
- This has led to a huge increase in local government focus to access (for both residents and visitors).
- NN was recently named a Heritage Area and this project is laying the framework for that effort.
- This project has also continued to allow us to sustain the ecotour guide courses. This is a great way to make sure that we have lands protected. The ecotour guides learn what are the rules and regulations for conserved lands in addition to other topics.
- Questions for how to keep this work going. One option is to incorporate a small element of this into the participating PDC's annual TA grants to maintain the website, etc.
- On the Middle Peninsula, they own lots of land and so they are selling products on their Virginia Coastal Wilds webpage to help fund the holding of these lands.

### **Next Steps:**

- Conservation Priorities Project Stakeholder group should discuss how DCR's data can best be shared/used.

### **10:50 FY21-25 Section 309 Policy Enhancement Strategies – Midpoint check-in**

- FY21-25 Coastal Hazards
  - CRS Updates/check-ins? (Mary-Carson)
  - RAFT in the Coastal Zone moving forward (Elizabeth)
- FY21-25 Ocean Resources (Laura/Elizabeth)
- FY21-25 Marine Debris (Laura)
  - MARCO's BIL ROP funds for reducing plastic water bottles
  - MARCO will hold a Marine Debris Summit in Fall 2023

### **Notes:**

#### **Community Rating System (CRS) Project Update**

- Madison Teeter will be working on this project more than in the past. She is a Certified Floodplain Manager.
- Product #1 – CRS Workgroup
  - CRS is a community of practice that has grown coastal wide and is now even broader.
  - Meetings have included
    - Updates from communities on how their review process went.

- Heard about a new rentback program that Henrico is starting for flood prone properties.
- Making videos on subject activity areas of the CRS program to do a deep dive into the “what you need to know” to get points for the CRS program.
- The two topics are Stormwater Management and Public Outreach programs
- Also working to get Continuing Education Credits through workgroups to participants for Certified Floodplain mangers
- Product #2 – All day training for local governments
  - Get several different local staff together to work through the list of critical activities they are already doing and can get credit for.
  - Show them a cost benefit analysis of what it means to get in this program.
  - Doing this initial legwork to help them get into the program.
  - Working with Spotsylvania and working on identifying the second community this year.
  - Working on updating trainings.
- Product #3 – working with RAFT team.
  - Working on the Eastern Shore to do a follow-up on the RAFT and provide feedback to the RAFT team about the RAFT experience.
  - Also going to give information on support options during the 1.5 hour lunch. Comment from NN – that this is very valuable, and that the follow-up down the line is very important. Eastern Shore agrees.

### **Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool (RAFT)**

- Done work recently on the NN, MP, and now Crater.
- Self-assessment tool was developed (PREP). And they made a resilience guide to go with it.
- Local governments often don’t have the capacity to do it, but there are two localities in PlanRVA that will try to use the PREP tool.
- Talking about next steps for moving inland to work with GWRC.
- Also talking with Tribes to see how the scorecard can be modified to their unique circumstance.
- Elizabeth will be retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ocean Resources Strategy**

- Plans to create a comprehensive Virginia Ocean Plan may be stymied. We may need to switch to development of specific ocean policies in areas where we can find support.
- The VCPC law students are investigating New Jersey’s state law designating “prime fishing areas” to explore whether that would be a useful approach in Virginia.
- Virginia needs a comprehensive ocean plan, but the timing may be off.
- DWR has subcontracted Dr. Sue Barco to work on updating DWR’s Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation plans which will be products of this ocean planning effort.
- We do have a regional ocean partnership (Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean – MARCO, which has a committee – Mid-Atlantic Council on the Ocean (MACO) that includes federal agencies, Tribes and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and Virginia CZM continues to work within those bodies.
- MARCO produced a story map on the Ocean Data Portal that includes an interview with Dominion as to how they sited offshore wind transmission

lines. See: <https://portal.midatlanticocean.org/ocean-stories/transmission-series-part-ii-the-cvow-cable-route/>

- Nine Atlantic coast states, including Virginia are working to establish a fisheries compensation fund.

### **Marine Debris Strategy**

- Katie Register who has been leading this effort will be retiring this summer. She has hired Zach Huntington to take over, and there will be a period of overlap.
- CZM is funding a virtual Community Based Social Marketing workshop by Doug McKenzie-Mohr February 27 – March 1. Over 100 people have registered.
- MARCO received Infrastructure funds to change behavior around using plastic water bottles. Plastic bottles & caps are high on the list of debris found along beaches. These funds will be used to buy water bottle filling stations at public waterfront recreational sites. MARCO will also contract to do Social Marketing type focus group to better understand the barriers to using reusable water bottles. This will be used to develop effective messaging.
- A Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit will likely be in fall/winter 2023.

### **Next Steps:**

- DCR – Stacy Farinholt is newly appointed CRS coordinator for the state, so DCR and Wetlands Watch will make the connection.
- If coastal partners have ideas for ocean planning, please share them with Laura.

#### **11:10 New FY22 Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant awards to CZM (Laura)**

- Conservation Coordinator grant
  - Start date was Dec 1, 2022
  - 45 applications received; 6 candidates interviewed Feb 6-8
  - Coordinator to begin Feb 24 or Mar 10
  - Subcontract to DWR to update Priority Wildlife Conservation Areas for re-run of Coastal Virginia Ecological Value Assessment (VEVA)
  - Update Coastal VEVA to be used to update CZM's old Coastal & Estuarine Land Conservation Plan (CELCP)
- Nationally Competitive Land Acquisition & Habitat Restoration grants.
  - 2 projects in consideration for funding: Upper Mattaponi Tribe 866-acre land acquisition on the Mattaponi River (\$3,037,052) and VIMS Eelgrass & Bay Scallop Restoration in Burton's Bay (\$2,259,633)
  - Start date would be April 1, 2023
  - New Conservation Coordinator would manage these grants

### **Notes:**

- An announcement from NOAA on FY22 BIL competitive funds is expected soon.

#### **11:20 FY23 Grant Application Outlook**

- Section 306 may receive a slight increase in funding due to a \$2.5M increase nationally
- Section 306A – NOAA requested we not undertake 306A projects in FY23 due to the backlog of “on the ground” projects at NOAA requiring NEPA review

- Section 309 funding may be cut slightly due to more states getting strategies approved.
- Section 309 **Nationally Competitive Projects of Special Merit**
  - 2 projects submitted Jan 25, 2023:
    - MRC: Dredged Material Beneficial Use Guidance Document (\$250,000)
    - Wetlands Watch: Designing Living Shorelines for New Resilient Regulatory Standards - a Guidance Document (\$224,423)
  - Should/could one of these projects be moved to Section 306? Could it provide match?
- BIL **Conservation Coordinator** grant
  - Grant to begin December 1, 2023
  - May be increased from \$150k to \$300k
- BIL **Nationally Competitive Land Acquisition & Habitat Restoration** grants.
  - FFO expected to be published in mid-May 2023
  - Letters of Intent due to CZM ~ mid-June
  - If >3 LOIs are received, there will be a state-level competition
  - 3 Letters of Intent due around mid-July 2023 (60 days after FFO is published)
  - If chosen for full proposal, will have 90 days to submit in Grants.gov

#### Notes:

- BIL funds are available to government entities including Tribes (not non-profits)
- Assuming 306A funding returns in FY24, the funding limit for 306A projects is \$500k Federal and \$500k match for land acquisition. The limits are \$200k federal and \$200k match for construction/habitat restoration/living shorelines.
- Expected FY23 Section 309 cuts (due to more states receiving NOAA approval of their Section 309 Strategies) may come out of the Ocean Resources Strategy.
- If FY23 BIL Capacity grant is increased to \$300k, CZM plans not to hire another person but to make those funds available for funding appraisals, surveys or other required documentation.
- FY23 Competitive BIL funds are also expected to increase.

#### Next Steps:

- All agreed to fund the York River public access study out of Section 306
- All agreed to pull MRC's Dredge project out of the national competition and fund it under Section 306. Wetlands Watch's proposal will remain in the national competition.
- The new Conservation Coordinator will help prepare the Federal Tribes for the FY 23 BIL competitive funding opportunity.
- CZM staff will ask NOAA if BIL funds could be used in one year to acquire an urban property adjacent to an underserved community and then in a second year apply for funds to demolish any existing structures and restore habitat.
- MPPDC recommends CZM consider using 309 funds to help identify issues around taxing, stormwater, building codes, etc. for Tribal land acquisition projects. Also questions about public access (when using public funds).

12:00 LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 CZM/DEQ Water Division FY20 Section 309 Project of Special Merit on Bay Act – Status of Final Regulatory Guidance (Justin Williams (DEQ))

- Notes:

- Received informal public comments in the Fall, mostly on the examples included in the document. DEQ is working to address these with better examples and graphics.
- Document will be out for a second informal comment period after the General Assembly session.
- Following that, it will go out for a formal public comment period in the late spring.
- If there are no public comments during the 30-day formal public comment period, then it would be effective immediately upon the end of that 30 days. If there are comments concerning grammatical errors or requests for clarification, then program staff would review and respond to those comments. If the comments are more substantial, then the guidance could be delayed and may even need to go out for another round of public comments.
- There is no need for the State Water Control Board to adopt the guidance; ultimately, once it makes it through the public comment period in a "clean" manner, it will become effective.
- VIMS will offer a virtual training session on the use of AdaptVA, targeted for late March (before public comment period). This will be recorded and posted on the DEQ website.
- A second in-person training session will be offered in the summer at VIMS.

1:10 Quick presentations and Q&A on 4 potential new FY23 grant applications in lieu of scoring. We have funds available (~\$390k in 306A and ~\$225k in state agency focal area totaling \$615,000). Do we want to fund these projects under Section 306?

1: Revised CBNERRVA – York River public access study (\$62,195)

*(From 306A to 306 per NOAA's request to forego 306A projects for FY23)*

2: 306 FA VIMS – Data for Coastal Resilience (\$120,052)

3: 306 FA DCR – Resilience Planning for Protected Lands (\$ 44,920)

4: 306 FA DOE – Aggregate Resource Mapping (\$ 59,677)

Together the 3 Focal Area proposals = \$224,649

Should we pull either of these from 309 PSM national competition into Section 306?

309 PSM MRC - Dredged Material Beneficial Use Guidance Document (\$250,000)

309 PSM Wetlands Watch - Designing Living Shorelines for New Resilient Regulatory Standards - a Guidance Document (\$224,423)

Total of all 6 projects = \$761,267. Funds available are ~\$615k – so we are \$146,267 short of being able to fund all 6 projects. We could keep 1 PSM project in the national competition and pull 1 into Section 306 funding.

Notes:

**York River Project** – stems from a need identified by a NOAA scholar.

- There is no watershed literacy signage articulated at existing public access spaces.



- The York River and Small Coastal Basin Watershed Roundtable recognized this need and wants to make improvements.
- So the Roundtable would like to coordinate with this grant effort to encourage signage at public access sites throughout the watershed.
- This project will create an inventory of existing public access in the watershed and more engagement opportunities through videos, story maps, etc..
- The project will pull in key messages from the forthcoming State of the York Watershed report.
- Partners will provide in kind services as match.

#### **VIMS – Data for Coastal Resilience**

- Focus is on eastern coastal plain
- Project includes:
  - Enhanced shoreline and riparian zone inventory for selected localities
  - Upgrading the shoreline management model
  - Location of marsh migration corridors
  - Community-science app for PDC and other stakeholders
- VIMS wants to partner with PDCs to get input on these tasks.
- Working through talking with all the PDCs involved in this project.

#### **DCR – Resilience Planning for Protected Lands**

- The culmination of ongoing conservation project will be a strategic plan that prioritizes conservation sites.
- This project will work to help identify ways that adjacent properties can support priority conservation areas.
- Program will use these results to inform future conservation decisions.
- This will help DCR focus limited resources on priority conservation priorities.
- DCR will coordinate with conservation agencies, NGOs, and PDCs that have these resilient lands present.
- Will be using marsh migration and sea level rise impacts to assess the migration of habitats.

#### **DOE – Aggregate Resource Mapping**

- Looking at aggregate sources for construction projects because transportation costs are high and often there are areas with high demand and low supply. End users of aggregate could include living shoreline projects.
- The Middle Peninsula is the area of focus for Year 1.
- This will be a GIS based project to address resource potential and other impact considerations.
- This does not advocate for mining, just provides information on opportunities.
- DOE would like to expand further throughout coastal VA, after this 1-year proof of concept and continue past 1 year.
- There were concerns over extractive industries like this extracting these resources from rural areas to be used in urban areas without rural areas being compensated. MPPDC proposed that in a second year policy options be investigated for creating an extraction fee that would benefit local governments. MPPDC is happy to work on this for year 2, and perhaps VCPC could be included.
- A potential timeline could be:
  - Year 1 is proof of concept
  - Year 2 DOE could move to another PDC + work on extractive fees.
  - Year 3 DOE could move to yet another PDC
- It could also be helpful to bring this concept into the subaqueous lands for dredge material, oyster shells, etc.

## Section 309 PSM proposals

- VMRC Dredging beneficial reuse project
  - If state budget includes funding for dredging, MPPDC can provide the \$250k match for the Beneficial use project
  - If we have trouble with match, we could use the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).
  - The Beneficial Reuse project is less transferable and therefore should be pulled from the national 309 PSM competition into Section 306 funding.
- Wetlands Watch Living Shorelines Design project
  - Wetlands Watch is not able to provide match and is comfortable keeping it in the national competition.
  - This is the first time we've had a non-CPT member as PI for a PSM competition. Although it may be more competitive to have a government entity as PI, we also need to consider that, as in this case, if the relevant agency does not have the capacity, and yet is still involved in the project, it makes sense to proceed.
  - All agreed that if the project is funded, it could be made stronger by ensuring that MRC formally request the Local Wetlands Boards to use the new guidance developed through this grant. This could be written into the scope of before CZM contracts with Wetlands Watch.
  - There are 2 local governments on board to be engaged, and there are some former local board members on the work group.
- If the MRC dredge beneficial use guidance project becomes Section 306 Task 10, there will be \$37k left over which CZM will allocate across existing/continuing tasks – likely to accommodate salary increases.
- After the last CPT meeting, discussions about floodplain regulations, led to a discovery of the Review, Assess and Document (RAD) process as a way to exempt local governments from having to permit small projects in the floodplain such as installing mailboxes or putting down mulch. There is a need to develop a model RAD policy with examples of specific exemptions.
  - Coordination work on something like this could be between the PDCs.
  - The PDCs could put together a framework for how to go forward on this, and then see what resources are available and how it could be funded.

### Next Steps:

- Pull the MRC Beneficial Use dredging project from the PSM competition and move it to FY23 Section 306 Task 10.
- PDCs (HRPDC, MPPDC, and likely others) will work on a proposal for the RAD roadmap development.

### 2:10 Agency Updates

- New CZM Program Manager hiring process
  - Posting date
- Other agency updates

### Notes:

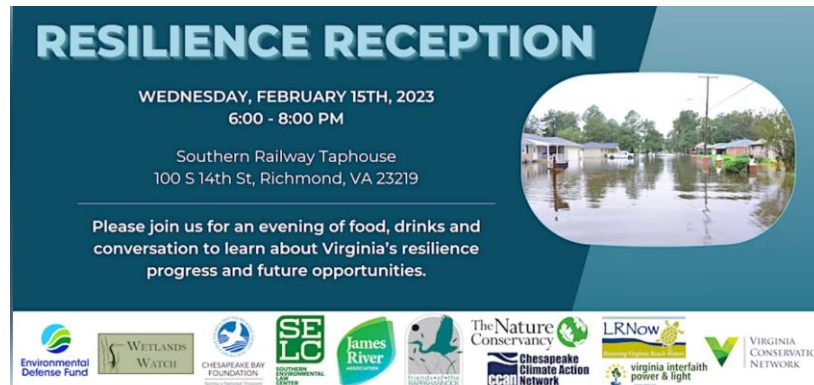
- Laura is planning to retire mid-July and will try to create a 2 week overlap with the new CZM Program Manager.
- CZM would like to get out one more edition of the Magazine by this summer and is working to produce videos on various aspects of the program and to capture the history of the program before Laura retires.
- Other agency updates

- DCR NHP lost Danielle Kulas to TNC. Will be hiring a replacement for the assistant data manager.
- DOF – A reminder that DOF would love to put trees in communities and has funds available.
- Crater PDC – noted additional funding from EPA on EJ and DCR Flood Fund.

2:30 Adjourn

2:45 Room is available until 5:00pm for additional small group meetings to discuss strengthening any of the above proposals or other coastal-related business.

6 -8:00 Resilience Reception hosted by NGOs at Southern Railway Taphouse (100 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street)  
 To register, contact Mary-Carson Stiff at [mc.stiff@wetlandswatch.org](mailto:mc.stiff@wetlandswatch.org) or Grace Tucker at [gtucker@edf.org](mailto:gtucker@edf.org) or go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virginia-resilience-reception-tickets-520198296107?aff=EDFinvite>.



Attendees (in addition to all 6 CZM staff):

Elizabeth Andrews, CPC  
 John Bateman, NNPDC  
 Sharon Baxter, DEQ  
 Chip Boyles, GWRC  
 Andrew Button, MRC  
 Rebekah Cazares, PlanRVA  
 Angela Davis, DCR  
 Dave Davis, DEQ  
 Stacey Farinholt, DCR  
 Lewis Gillingham, MRC  
 Cirse Gonzales, CBNERRVA  
 Becky Gwynn, DWR  
 David Hawkins, DOE  
 Matt Heller, DOE  
 Michelle Henicheck, DEQ  
 Meredith Keppel, GWRC  
 Andrew Larkin, NOAA  
 Billy Lassiter, DOE  
 Lewie Lawrence, MPPDC  
 Amy Martin, DWR

Pam Mason, VIMS  
 Ben McFarlane, HRPDC  
 Kristal McKelvey, DCR  
 Kevin McLean, DEQ  
 Rebecca Murphy, NVRC  
 David Norris, DWR  
 Taylor Parker, VDOT  
 Meghann Quinn, DEQ  
 Julia Raimondi, DEQ  
 Tina Rayfield, DEQ  
 Jay Ruffa, Crater PDC  
 Dan Salkovitz, DEQ  
 Jessica Steelman, ANPDC  
 Sarah Stewart, PlanRVA  
 Mary-Carson Stiff, Wetlands Watch  
 Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch  
 Madison Teeter, Wetlands Watch  
 Caitlin Verdu, DOF  
 Joe Weber, DCR  
 Aaron Wendt, DCR

## Key to CZM Grant Funds

Type	Purpose	Competitive?	Match?
Section 306	Program Implementation – funds set aside each year to administer the program – includes funding for CZM staff and other ongoing state agency and PDC Technical Assistance grants	No	Yes
Section 306A	Low-cost public access construction or habitat restoration (\$200k max federal + \$200k max match) or land acquisition (\$400k max federal + \$400k max match). Usually about \$400k available per year.	Yes – within CPT	Yes
Section 306 Focal Area	Focused funding on one topic for 3 years (usually about \$450k available each year divided between state agency and PDC projects). Areas are proposed by CZM staff and CPT	Yes – every 3 years CPT votes on a new focal area	Yes
Section 309	Development of enforceable policies over a 5-year period. 1-3 high priority topics chosen from 9 topics prescribed by the CZMA	Yes – every 5 years CPT votes on priority topics	No
Section 309 Project of Special Merit (PSM)	1-year projects to complement a Section 309 Strategy. Only available for topics of Coastal Resilience or Ocean Resources	Nationally	No
BIL – Capacity	Funds Conservation Coordinator at CZM, update of Conservation Plan and community engagement	No	No
BIL – Land Acquisition or Habitat Restoration	Funds land acquisition or habitat restoration up to \$5M per project.	Nationally	No

BIL = Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law – funding in place for 5 years: FY22-FY26

## Current & Future CZM Awards & Timeframes

Grant Year	Type	Start Date	End Date
FY 2020	306/306A/309; Year 1 FA; Year 5 309	Oct 1 2020	Sep 30 2023
FY 2021	306/306A/309; Year 2 FA; Year 1 309	Oct 1 2021	Sep 30 2023
FY 2022	306/306A/309; Year 3 FA; Year 2 309	Oct 1 2022	Mar 31 2024
FY 2022	BIL - Capacity	Dec 1 2022	Nov 30 2025
FY 2022	BIL - Land	Apr 1 2023	Mar 31 2024
FY 2022	BIL - Restoration	Apr 1 2023	Mar 31 2027
FY 2023	306/309 Year 1 FA; Year 3 309	Oct 1 2023	Mar 31 2025
FY 2023	BIL – Land/Restoration	Apr 1 2024	?
FY 2024	306/306A/309; Year 2 FA; Year 4 309	Oct 1 2024	Mar 31 2026
FY 2024	BIL – Land/Restoration	Apr 1 2025	?
FY 2025	306/306A/309; Year 3 FA; Year 5 309	Oct 1 2025	Mar 31 2027
FY 2026	306/306A/309; Year 1 FA; Year 1 309	Oct 1 2026	Mar 31 2028

FA = Focal Area

In FY2025 the CPT will need to select a new Focal Area to begin in FY26

Also in FY25 CZM staff will need to complete a new Section 309 Coastal Needs Assessment and develop new, 5-year 309 strategies.