

# Division of Coastal & Ocean Management



## Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP)

The Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM) within the Department of Natural Resources is the lead agency for the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP). Through this program, DCOM oversees the responsible development of coastal uses and resources, federal activities within the coastal zone, and activities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

### ACMP Mission Statement

“The Alaska Coastal Management Program provides stewardship for Alaska’s rich and diverse coastal resources to ensure a healthy and vibrant Alaskan coast that efficiently sustains long-term economic and environmental productivity.”

### ACMP Structure and Organization

The ACMP is a voluntary program, authorized by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA). Several state agencies participate in ACMP implementation, and several coastal municipalities and service areas (collectively known as coastal districts) also voluntarily implement the program. This networked implementation structure is designed to manage coastal uses and resources comprehensively.

The primary tool used to implement the ACMP is the consistency review process at 11 AAC 110. Through this process, proposed coastal development activities are reviewed for consistency with State standards and district enforceable policies.

### Value of ACMP

Having a federally-approved coastal management program allows the State the opportunity to:

- Balance coastal economic development with protecting coastal uses and resources
- Provide project applicants with a coordinating agency for review of permit applications
- Represent the State when federal agencies permit activities within Alaska’s coastal area or OCS
- Act as the State’s liaison to federal agencies regarding federal laws/initiatives that effect development in Alaska’s coastal zone
- Act as the department’s lead on issues affecting Alaska’s coastal waters
- Apply ACMP enforceable policies to federal agency activities
- Incorporate coastal district input and knowledge for reasoned decisions

### Key FY11 Priorities

- Repeal or extend the ACMP sunset language found at AS 44.66.020
- Re-evaluate regulations at 11 AAC 110 to strengthen the consistency review process
- Determine what, if any, program changes are needed to strengthen the ACMP
- Participate with the NOAA and CSO to secure reauthorization of the CZMA



ACMP Originally Approved:  
**1979**

Coastal Population in 1979:  
**330,960**

Coastal Population in 2009:  
**569,307**

Miles of Coastline:  
**44,500**

FY11 CZMA Funds:  
**\$2,566,000**

FY11 State and Other  
Matching Funds:  
**\$2,030,000**

FY11 Total:  
**\$4,596,000**

