



Coastal Zone Management: Alive, Dead or Somewhere in Between?

Changes and Challenges to the Texas Program

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My Goals Today

Where have we been?

1991 – 2003: TCMP successes.

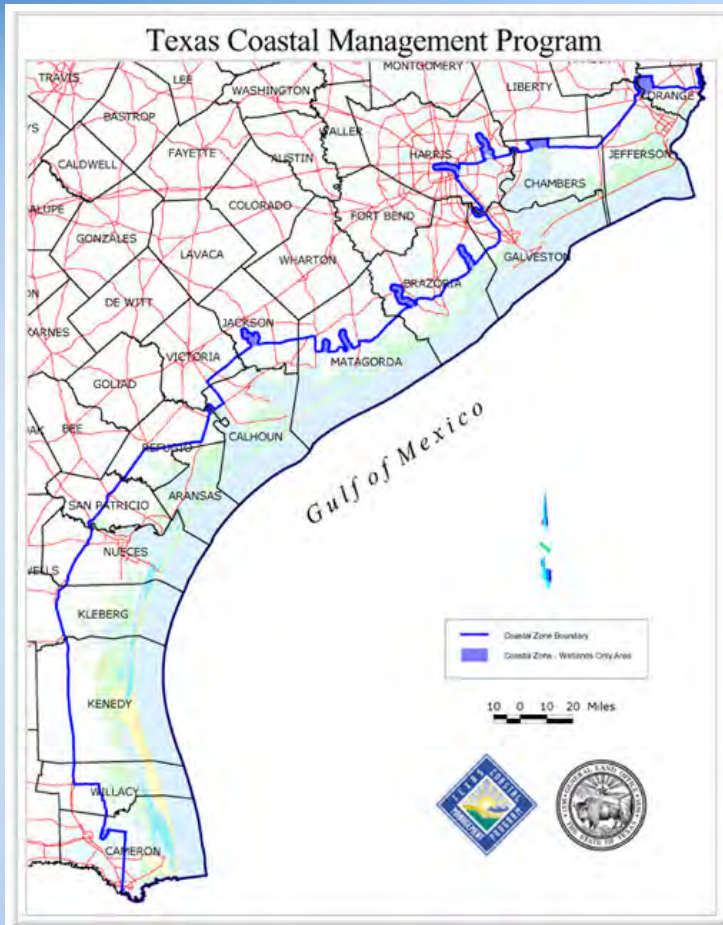
2003 – 2011: TCMP dismantling.

Where are we today? 3 Trends.

What can other CMPs learn?

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Where have we been? 1991–2003



1991: Coastal Coordination Act.

1996: NOAA approves TCMP.

Networked agency model.

Authority over state & federal actions.

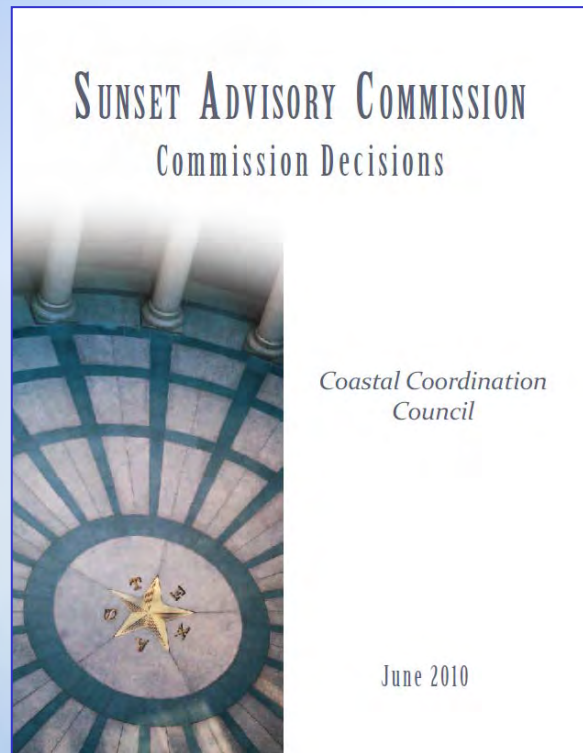
Public forum for agency leaders.

Funding, research, institutions...

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Where have we been? 2003 – 2011

First : downward spiral in Coastal Coordination Council meetings.



Then : Sunset Legislation to

- Abolish CCC – transfer to GLO.
- Abolish Ex.Comm. – create Advisory Comm.
- Reduce # public meetings.

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2011 Sunset Legislation - Did NOT Address:



High-level coordination?

Public involvement?

Loss of state's rights?

Would NOAA de-certify the program?

Where are CZMA Requirements ?

Networked agency model?

GLO is superagency – no authority to enforce.

AG – not multi-agency – oversees GLO permits.

Advisory Comm. – reduced local gov't input.

GLO meetings: No policy discussion, only projects.

No consistent public input.

Wetland protection?

In 2003:



Coastal Agriculture

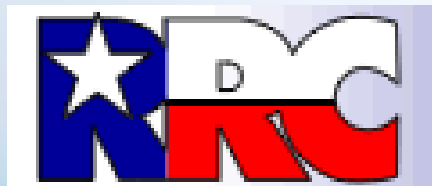
Coastal Resident

Coastal Business

Coastal Elected Official

Coastal **Management**
Program

Coastal Coordination Council



In 2012:



Coastal Grant Program ?

Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee



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TREND #1:

More fragmented, less inclusive,
less powerful Texas CMP.

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Where are we today? Opportunities !

Strong regional programs: GBEP, CBBEP, NERR.

Newly engaged and staffed NGOs.

Public-private partnerships. Economic valuation of natural resources.

Significant new sources of coastal funding, significant more attention to the coast.

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TREND #2:

More opportunities.

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Where are we today? Challenges !

Coast is large, diverse; no geographic center.

Growing population & development.

No comprehensive coastal plan. Program and project-focused.

No effective vehicle for:

- » Public involvement
- » Transparency and accountability
- » Addressing emerging issues

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TREND #3:

Emerging issues, changing world –
no coastal vehicle/integrated body
to manage it.

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Where are we today?

TREND #1: More fragmented, less inclusive, less powerful TCMP.

TREND #2: More opportunities, including funding.

TREND #3: Emerging issues and no vehicle/integrated body to manage these.

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Is Texas CMP alive, dead,
or somewhere in-between?

Walking dead...



Can it be revived?

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Lessons for other 33 states & territories

Don't get complacent & let public input erode.

Be alert to potential conflict of interest.

Pursue unconventional allies.

Learn schedule for program review.

Engage with NOAA to keep program “honest”

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“The overarching goal of the Act should be good coastal management, not simply the existence of coastal programs.”

NOAA & CSO, 2007

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How do we go forward?

Develop a Coastal Plan

“Net-worked” rather than “comprehensive”

Replicate success: other state planning efforts.

Scientific framework – not build-up of projects.

Facilitate programming of all coastal \$\$\$.

Accountable to the public and legislature.