

**Public Comment Form**  
**Ocean and Coastal Resources**  
**Climate Change Adaptation Plan**

Please use this document as guidance for providing comments on the Coastal and Ocean Sector for the State Climate Change Adaptation Plan and email comments to [adoherty@scc.ca.gov](mailto:adoherty@scc.ca.gov) by **Friday, October 31, 2008**.

Vision

*Does the vision statement include the most important principles?*

Scope

*Is the scope of this document clear and logical, taking into consideration the other sectors/chapters of the state plan (including “Biodiversity and Habitat” and “Infrastructure”)?*

Guiding Principles

*Are there alternative guiding principles that should be considered?*

**VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT**

*Are there other key issues or impacts that you’d recommend be addressed as part of the vulnerability assessment? Note that the intent of this section of the document is to be a brief summary of the current status of knowledge on this topic and is not meant to be a comprehensive or detailed analysis.*

**COASTAL ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**

**Overarching Strategy #1. Provide guidelines for assessing critical existing infrastructure and development and determining when and what action is needed to reduce vulnerability.**

For areas where protection or retrofit is appropriate:

*What innovative approaches exist to protect or rebuild infrastructure and development so that it is less vulnerable to coastal hazards?*

For areas where alternative strategies can be used:

*What innovative approaches exist to incentivize or regulate moving infrastructure and development away from coastal hazards?*

**Overarching Strategy #2. Ensure new development is properly sited and designed.**

*What new or existing approaches can be employed to direct future development away from areas subject to coastal hazards? Can new buildings and infrastructure be built or sited in a way that is resistant to coastal hazards?*

**Overarching Strategy #3. Ensure that critical coastal and ocean habitats and recreational areas are protected and maintained.**

*How do we plan for and execute habitat protection that accounts for future changes?*

**Overarching Strategy #4. Formulate management approaches that adapt as certain climate-induced thresholds are reached.**

*What management decision criteria could be changed so that new actions are taken once certain climate impacts are detected?*

**Overarching Strategy #5. Implement policy changes at the local, regional, and national level.**

*What local planning documents or ordinances need to change to adapt to coastal impacts? What federal legislation might be changed to promote adaptation at the state level?*

**NEXT STEPS**

*Are there any other major topics that you recommend be added to this section? Do you have any recommendations for mechanisms for improved coordination?*