



Finally, the state's roughly \$42 billion ocean-based economy and the entire Bay Area shoreline face unprecedented natural challenges. Our programs work directly with coastal communities to ensure new development and public infrastructure is safe from coastal hazards like rising seas. Eliminating NOAA's core state grants program when California and all other coastal states are at increasing risk from these growing threats is shortsighted at best, especially in light of future federal investments in the nation's aging public infrastructure. Eliminating this funding will put California's economy, coastline, and quality of life for millions of residents at risk.

We hope that you will take these concerns into account as you consider the myriad funding priorities for the FY 2019 federal budget. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to represent California's interests in providing funding for CZM Grants and opposing any new lease sales for oil and gas activities offshore of California.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with any questions or concerns that you may have.



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