



American Coastal Coalition

THE NATION'S LEADING VOICE FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

MISSION: To promote and preserve coastal economies, environments, and cultures through active engagement with Congress, Federal agencies, the Executive Branch, as well as our member communities, with a special focus on beaches.

\$10 Trillion

Annual goods and services provided

\$36 Billion

Federal beach-related tourism tax revenue

54.6 Million

Employed by coastal jobs

129 Million

People live within 50 miles of the coast

KEY ISSUE AREAS:

- COASTAL EROSION
- HURRICANES AND COASTAL STORMS
- FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE
- TOURISM AND RECREATION
- HABITAT AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

LEGISLATIVE FOCUS AREAS

- Water Resources Development Act
- Appropriations
 - USACE
 - NOAA
 - FEMA
 - EPA

"(A) IN GENERAL.– It is the policy of the United States to promote beach nourishment for the purposes of flood damage reduction and hurricane and storm damage reduction ... for a period of 50 years, on a comprehensive and coordinated basis by the Federal Government, States, localities and private enterprises."

-United States Congress, Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114)

Policy Priorities

- *Promote the Congressional Coastal Communities Caucus*
- *Ensure Robust Funding for Beach Nourishment and Coastal Restoration*
- *Promote the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material to the Maximum Extent Possible*
- *Secure Funding for Pre-Disaster Projects to Reduce Post-Disaster Costs*
- *Support the continued reauthorization and robust funding for federal agency programs that support coastal wildlife and habitat*
- *Establish standardized regional sea level rise curves to support local building codes*