

Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990

Agencies: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Citation: [16 U.S.C. §§ 1455b et seq.](#)

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Summary:

The [Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 \(CZARA\)](#) established a new Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program by requiring coastal states with federally-approved coastal zone management programs under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) to prepare and submit coastal nonpoint pollution control programs (coastal nonpoint programs) for federal approval by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

These coastal nonpoint programs were intended to combine nonpoint source capabilities of state programs developed under section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) with the land management capabilities of state programs developed under the CZMA, specifically addressing the land and water uses affecting coastal waters. State coastal nonpoint programs are required to include state "enforceable policies and mechanisms" to ensure implementation.

Section 6217 of the CZARA references but is technically not part of the CZMA -- it is a free-standing statute. Section 6217 also required that NOAA make recommendations to states on the geographical area(s) to be included in their coastal nonpoint programs in order to protect coastal waters from nonpoint source pollution.

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