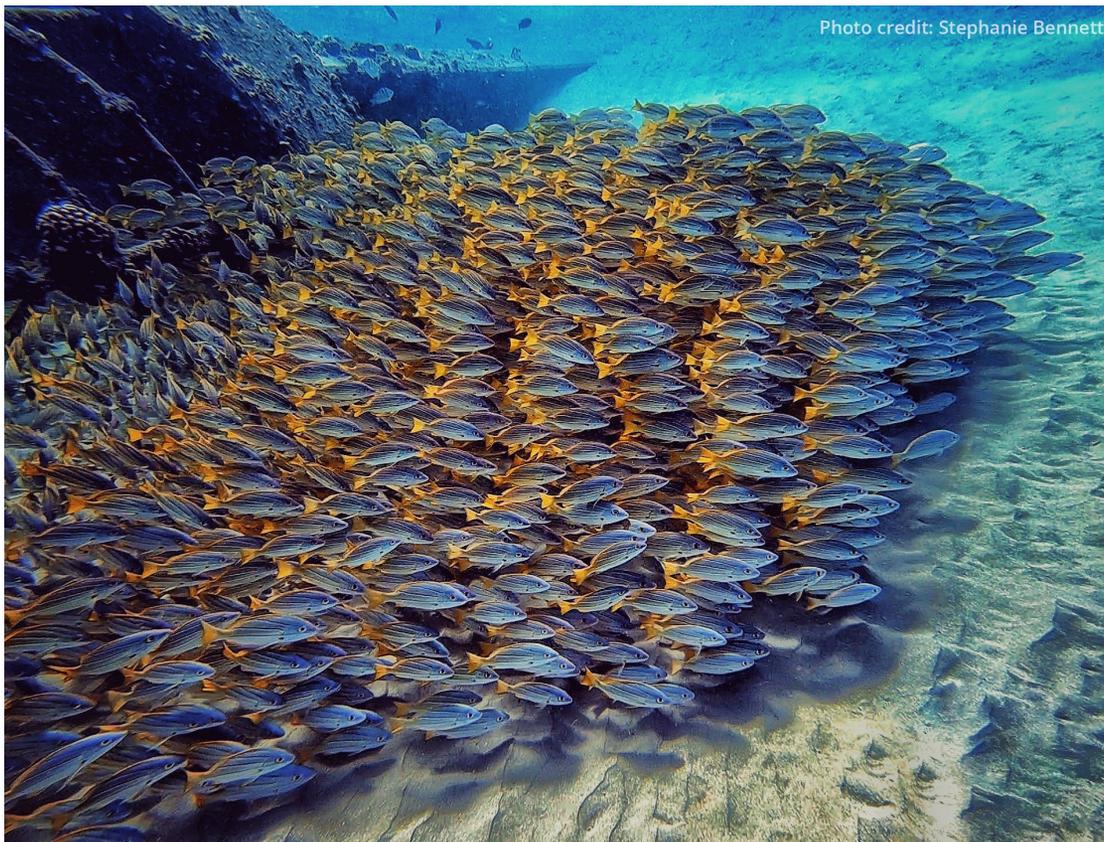


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New Data, New Resources



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- **Quick Reference** – [Tips for Planning, Facilitating, and Participating in Virtual Meetings](#)
- **Story from the Field** – [Valuing Rhode Island's Blue Economy](#)
- **Data** – See the list of [new and updated data sets](#).

Office for Coastal Management

- **Coastal Management in Action Photo Contest** – [View the winners](#) of the 2020 contest.
- **Coastal Management Fellows** – Learn more about the 2020-2022 [class of fellows](#) and [Digital Coast fellows](#).
- **NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program** is celebrating its [20th anniversary](#)! Follow along and participate on social media all year using the hashtag [#NOAACoral20th](#).

- ♦ **Impact Story Database** – Explore the [list](#). Use the stories in your communication efforts. The most recent stories are at the top.

Tech Topics

To Get Helpful Feedback, Do This

After completing your project, you probably want to evaluate how things went. Interviews, while time-consuming, get at a full range of emotions and information. Surveys allow for quick, anonymous data collection but often don't result in full, thoughtful answers.

Weighing the pros and cons of each approach will help you narrow the choices and find the best fit. This [quick reference guide](#), available from NOAA's Digital Coast, covers a variety of options, and includes the positive aspects and drawbacks of each.

Stories from Your Peers

Consider Sea Level Rise When Choosing New Utility Sites

Mississippi's Jackson County Utility Authority was faced with a critical decision—where to locate a new wastewater treatment plant. Two longtime facilities near the Pascagoula River flooded completely during 2005's Hurricane Katrina and partly during 2017's Hurricane Nate, causing millions of dollars in damage. Using NOAA's [Sea Level Rise Viewer](#), the facility project team chose the new site by exploring Jackson County areas that will remain dry for the next 50 years at medium-to-high sea level rise scenarios of three to five feet.



- ♦ Read the [full story](#).

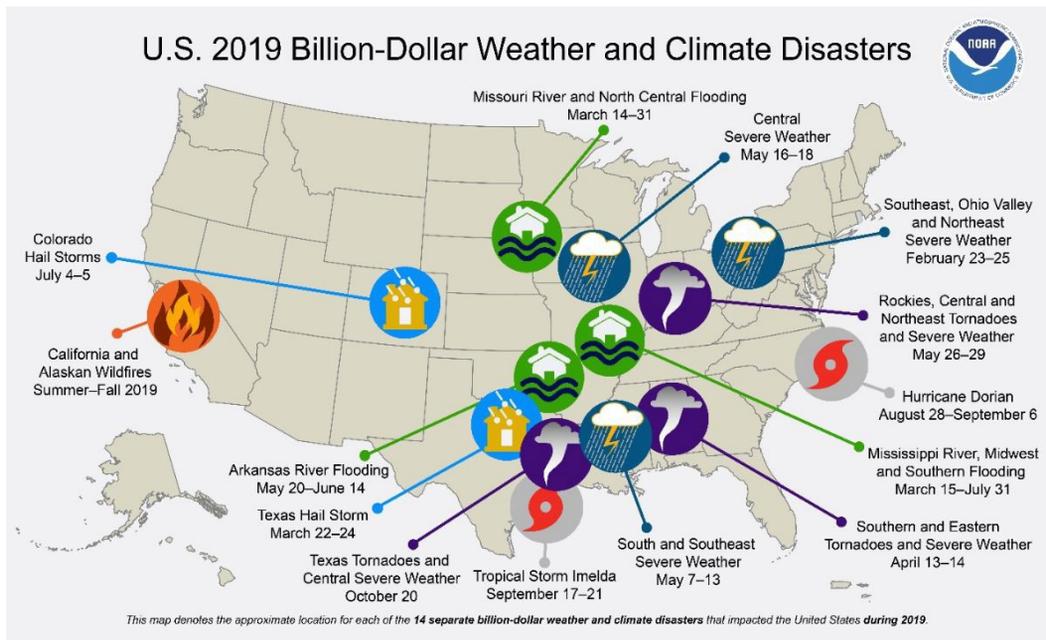
Tips from the Digital Coast Academy

Community Resilience Planning on a Budget

Many communities are strapped for resources. Community messages that start with broad “climate change is happening and sea levels are rising” conversations are scary and often don't inspire action. Another approach: be proactive and search out strategic partnerships first.

A community in Maine did this with positive results. Their first step focused on securing a funding source. Having this part of the equation addressed before the community meetings gave participants more confidence in the initiative, and resulted in stronger participation. Demonstrating personal impacts and possible solutions also helped make residents more open to ideas for mitigation and building resilience. Read about the process in this [case study](#).

Fast Facts



This is just one of the many coastal management [fast facts and graphics](#) provided for your use. See the [list](#) here, and let us know if there are others you'd like to see added.

The Digital Coast Partnership

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