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New Data, New Resources



Digital Coast

- **Publication** – [Coastal Hazard Resilience Planning in California: The Coastal Plan Alignment Flipbook](#)
- **Training** – [Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Hazards](#)
- **Data** – See the list of [new and updated data sets](#).

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- **Early Bird Registration** – Open for [Social Coast Forum](#). Hurry, it sells out fast.
- **Impact Story Database** – Read the [most recent stories](#).

Tech Topics

Facts and Graphics to Help Drive Your Point Home

Come to your meeting prepared to back up your argument with facts and graphics straight from a trusted federal source.

The [Coastal County Snapshots](#) tool provides easy-to-understand charts and graphs that describe complex coastal data. Select your county, choose a topic—flood exposure, wetlands benefits, or ocean and Great Lakes jobs—and allow the website to generate a handout.

Getting this information in front of key players will help you stay on the same page and get to decisions faster.

Stories from Your Peers

Monitoring Increases Kayaker Safety at National Park

The sea caves of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore draw thousands of kayakers every summer. In the past, kayakers didn't always know whether conditions were safe when starting out. Now they do, because a real-time observation system keeps an eye out for danger. The buoy and camera information, accessible online and at the launch-site kiosk, helps kayakers and park staff view up-to-the-minute sea cave conditions.

- Read the [full story](#).
- [Learn more](#) about the project.



Tips from the Digital Coast Academy

Recognize Mental Shortcuts and How They Influence Risk Preparedness

Our brains strive to save time and effort. To accomplish this, people use mental shortcuts to make decisions concerning risk. These shortcuts rely on a number of biases that both help and hinder us. Social science research provides insights into how risk perception and actions are influenced by experiences, feelings, personal values, and friends and family.

Learn to recognize when people are using mental shortcuts to inform their decision-making. [This tutorial](#) shows you how to identify different mental shortcuts and provides related communication tips.

Fast Facts



Land Cover Change



Coastal land cover changes twice as fast as the rest of the nation.

Amount: 41.6 million acres—an area larger than Florida—from 1996 - 2010

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.

News from Our Coastal Colleagues

Delaware Sea-level Rise Technical Committee Wins 2019 Frye Award

Congratulations to the co-authors of the report, "[Recommendation of Sea Level Rise Planning Scenarios for Delaware](#)," for winning the [2019 Frye Award](#). The award, co-sponsored by the Geological Society of America and the Association of American State Geologists, is given to the best paper on environmental geology during the past three years. The winning report not only efficiently described the issue of sea level rise but also provided recommendations for appropriate land use considerations in a manner that is understandable and directly usable by planners, engineers, policy makers, and the educated public. The award was presented to the team, including members from the Delaware Coastal Program and Delaware Geological Survey, during the 2019 Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting in September 2019.

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