

Workgroup Discussion

Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission

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Goal of this Discussion

Inform what workgroups will do, and how they will be organized:

- Dig into some content questions as if these are the actual workgroups, and these questions are the actual charge
- Give feedback on what feels like it will work, and what does not

What will happen next?

In June the workgroup charge will be given with:

- Membership confirmed
- Timeline of expected products
- Guidance template for workgroups to use to complete their work

Proposed Workgroups

- Inland Communities
- Coastal Communities
- State Agency and Legislative
- Outreach
- Technical Advisory

Keep in mind

The mission of the commission

The products we need to produce

That there are lots of resources out there to
help

Draft CRHC Mission Statement

“The purpose of the Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission is to develop sound guidance and recommendations for the state and municipalities regarding prudent and necessary changes to laws, regulations, plans, standards, and other actions that should be taken to prepare for anticipated sea level rise and increased future risks from coastal flooding, stormwater and related hazards.”

What do we want to produce?

- **Reports** of findings, guidance and recommendations
- ***2 Interim Reports***
 - Focus on findings about the range future conditions coastal hazard conditions related to SLR, storm surge, flooding
 - Make interim recommendations
- ***Final Report***
 - focus on recommendations for policies, legislation other actions
 - Include all findings, research, reference materials

Content and Scope

- Report Elements
 - Inventory
 - Assessment
 - Recommendations
- Identify:
 - Problems that need to be addressed
(by legislation, policies, standards, guidelines, etc.)
 - “Unknowns” to be monitored & planned for
 - “No-regrets” Policies
 - Barriers to effective action

Guidance

- Scope of Interest
 - Assumptions RE sea level rise, flooding, precipitation, etc.
 - Economic impacts (business continuity, real estate, insurance)
 - Infrastructure (roads, bridges, telecomm, utilities, public facilities)
 - Ecosystem & Environment (salt marsh, groundwater)
- Dynamic and evolving information
 - Recognize explicitly that our findings are based on information and science that is still developing
 - implementation of recommendations should be phased and iterative allowing for “course corrections”

Recommendations

- Municipal focus:
 - assumptions to use
 - models & templates for taking action
 - recommended process for preparing for greater coastal flood risks
- State agency focus:
 - minimum standards
 - recommended policies
 - infrastructure investment conditions