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NOAA's Vision for Coastal Management

Whereas the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is beginning preliminary consideration (in the form of a white paper) on the manner and criteria for management of our coastal resources: and

That the Hydrographic Services Panel (HSRP) considers existing coastal physical hydrographic observations as performed by NOAA, including those under the Office of Coast Survey, the Office of the National Geodetic Survey: and the Center for Operational Products and Services, as being integral components in many, if not all, aspects of coastal management: and

That the HSRP recognizes that physical observations performed by these offices including bathymetry, shoreline mapping, water levels, currents, V-datum, and wind measurements, among others provide baseline data in support of navigation safety: and

That other coastal management stakeholders also benefit from these baseline physical observations: and

That the HSRP has consistently supported the use of NOAA's Physical Oceanographic Real Time Systems to provide physical hydrographic observations to a range of stakeholders, including maritime operators, and has recommended that NOAA fully fund a national PORTS program: and,

The HSRP strongly encourages that NOAA recognize the marine transportation and the recreational boating community values that are inherent in any visioning for coastal management, long-term uses of the coastal zone and encourages NOAA to keep the HSRP, the marine transportation community and the recreational boating community involved, as well, as NOAA goes about this process.