



# Administration and Congressional Priorities Update

***Budget*** - FY22 House and Senate marks point to increases in relevant programs

## NOAA

- Increases to CZM, NCRF, reserves, data sharing initiative
- Increases for offshore wind, Right Whales and 17 earmarked projects in NE

## EPA

- Emphasis on climate change, environmental justice
- Increases for geographic programs (LISP and SNEP), NEPs, water infrastructure



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## *Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (\$1T) – across five years*

- **Significant resources for NOAA and partners**
  - Coastal Zone Management Grants – \$207 million
  - Research Reserve System – \$77 million for restoration and acquisition
  - National Coastal Resilience Fund – \$492 million
  - Regional Ocean Partnerships and data sharing– \$56 million
- **Lines with connections to Office for Coastal Management**
  - NOAA Mapping, Observations, and Modeling – \$492 million
  - Tribal Climate Resilience – \$216 million



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## Topical Legislation of Interest

- Pingree Working Waterfronts bill
- Regional Ocean Partnership Authorization bill
- Ocean-based Climate Solutions bill
- Living Shorelines Act

## Administration Priorities

- America the Beautiful FRN out Friday for comment
- *Themes:* Ocean co-use (including new blue economy), S&T, and reducing carbon emissions (Ocean Climate Action Plan)
- *How:* Interagency coordination and a whole-of-government approach (including states, tribes, etc.)

**Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund RFP coming mid-Nov for \$25M (CT, RI eligible)**