

The Coastal States Organization was established to (a) contribute to the development of common policy regarding national coastal zone management legislation and programs and serve as spokesman for the maritime states, territories, and trust territories on marine and coastal affairs;

(b) provide mutual assistance in solving common state and intermarine resource problems; (c) serve as a clearinghouse for information relative to marine activities of the member states, and (d) serve as the spokesman for the states to the federal government in the area of coastal zone management.