

## Part 610 – National Environmental Compliance Handbook

### Subpart H – Exhibits

#### 610.103 Coastal Zone Management Areas Evaluation Procedure Guide Sheet

##### **COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AREAS EVALUATION PROCEDURE GUIDE SHEET**

###### **STEP 1**

Is the proposed action or alternative in an officially designated "Coastal Zone Management Area"?

**If "No,"** additional evaluation is not needed concerning coastal zones. **Document the finding on the NRCS-CPA-52 and proceed with planning.**

**If "Yes," go to Step 2.**

**If "Unknown,"** consult section II of the FOTG for information regarding Coastal Zone Management Programs in your area and **repeat Step 1.**

###### **STEP 2**

Is the proposed action or alternative "consistent" with the goals and objectives of the State's Coastal Zone Management Program (as required by section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act)?

**If "No," go to Step 3.**

**If "Yes,"** no additional evaluation is needed concerning coastal zones. **Document the finding, including the reasons, on the NRCS-CPA-52 and proceed with planning.**

**If "Unknown,"** consult with your designated State specialist for CZMA and **repeat Step 2.**

###### **STEP 3**

Is NRCS providing financial assistance or otherwise controlling the action?

**If "No," go to Step 4.**

**If "Yes,"** the NRCS district conservationist or an NRCS State office employee must contact the State's Coastal Zone Program Office before the action is implemented to discuss possible modifications to the proposed action. NRCS may not provide assistance if the proposed action or alternative would result in a violation of a State's Coastal Zone Management Plan. NRCS must provide a consistency determination to the State agency no later than 90 days before final approval of the activity. **When consultation is complete, document the agreed to items and reference or attach them to the NRCS-CPA-52.**

###### **STEP 4**

Will a Federal agency **other** than NRCS provide funding or otherwise control implementation of the action?

**If "No,"** NRCS should provide the landowner with relevant information regarding any local and State compliance requirements and protocols (permitting, etc.) in special management areas as appropriate to comply with local Coastal Zone Management Programs. **Document on the NRCS-CPA-52 and proceed with planning.**

**If "Yes," recommend that the funding or controlling agency consult with the State Coastal Zone Management Office before the action is implemented. Proceed with planning.**