

COASTAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Government of Nova Scotia has committed to developing a coordinated and strategic approach to coastal ocean management. The *Coastal Management Framework* will guide the Government of Nova Scotia in working towards achieving this task. Provincial priority coastal issues include: coastal development, public coastal access, sea-level rise and storm events, working waterfronts, coastal water quality, and sensitive coastal ecosystems and habitats.

THE WHAT: THE VISION

A healthy, safe and vibrant coast that sustains the highest quality of life for current and future generations.

THE VISION DESCRIBES THE GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA'S LONG-TERM DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT.

THE MISSION

To address coastal issues in Nova Scotia through effective leadership, coordination and collaboration.

THE MISSION DESCRIBES THE LONG-TERM ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACH FOR ACHIEVING THE VISION.

THE HOW: THE GOALS

1. Coastal and ocean issues in Nova Scotia are addressed through collaboration and integrated approaches.
2. Nova Scotia derives ongoing optimal benefit from its coastal and ocean areas and resources.
3. Nova Scotia's ecosystems are fully functioning now and in the future.

THE GOALS DESCRIBE WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE VISION.

THE STRATEGIC THRUSTS

1. Develop and maintain an ongoing understanding of Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues.
2. Facilitate the collection, research, management and exchange of coastal and ocean information.
3. Coordinate effective decision making on coastal and ocean issues.
4. Increase the opportunity and capacity of the public to engage in coastal and ocean issues.

STRATEGIC THRUSTS DESCRIBE THE OVERARCHING DIRECTION NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS STATEMENTS, AND THUS THE VISION.

THE SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Municipal, provincial and federal governments have a shared understanding of Nova Scotia's priority coastal and ocean issues
2. Relevant provincial stakeholders have a shared understanding of Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues
3. A provincial mechanism exists to integrate emerging coastal and ocean issues and opportunities into coastal management processes
4. The majority of Nova Scotians are aware of and have an understanding of Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues
5. The Government of Nova Scotia is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as the most comprehensive source for coastal information related to Nova Scotia
6. Public and private research and monitoring programs are addressing Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues
7. The Provincial Oceans Network is the key provincial body for information exchange
8. The Provincial Oceans Network is the key provincial body for coordinating decision making on coastal and ocean management issues
9. The Government of Nova Scotia has a clear understanding of stakeholders' interests and concerns related to coastal and ocean issues
10. The Government of Nova Scotia has a clear understanding of the various roles, responsibilities and priorities of municipal, provincial, federal and aboriginal governments as they relate to coastal management
11. The Government of Nova Scotia is able to respond to public inquiries on coastal management through a multi-departmental frontline process
12. The Government of Nova Scotia is supporting community-based initiatives to address priority coastal and ocean issues
13. Emerging coastal and ocean management policies are shared proactively with key coastal stakeholders
14. The public has a clear understanding of the various roles, responsibilities and priorities of municipal, provincial, federal and aboriginal governments as they relate to coastal management

SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES (1-6 YEARS) ARE SEEN AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE STRATEGIC THRUSTS.

THE PATH FORWARD:

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

- Assess the state of Nova Scotia's coast and establish a Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy.
- Develop a coastal web portal.
- Establish a coastal research network.
- Sign a MOU with the Government of Canada to coordinate the coastal and ocean management efforts.
- Identify and expand public education and awareness related to priority coastal issues.
- Inventory and coordinate LIDAR mapping initiatives in Nova Scotia.
- Strengthen provincial leadership and coordination on integrated coastal management initiatives.

THE STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES DESCRIBE THE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA WILL UNDERTAKE TO ACHIEVE THE SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES.