



Digital Coast Connections *keeps you up to date on emerging tools, trainings, and resources from the Digital Coast Partnership and the NOAA Coastal Services Center.*



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Dear Colleague,

Mark your calendars for the [2013 Coastal GeoTools](#) conference on March 25 to 28 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina! Nearly 350 coastal professionals attended the 2011 GeoTools conference to exchange ideas on using geospatial data, tools, and technology. Conference offerings for 2013 include the interactive Tools Showcase, where experts demonstrate and discuss their tools, and the Hacka-Mapathon, where anybody is invited to create a Web map using Digital Coast data services. Visit the conference website or Twitter at [#CoastalGeoTools](#) to get the latest information on registration and the conference program.

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If you're just now learning about the Coastal GeoTools conference, visit the [program page](#) to view past programs and abstracts.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE DIGITAL COAST?

DATA

[Article Highlights Ocean Data Resource](#)

The ocean planning data and mapping services found on MarineCadastre.gov were the focus of a recent *GIS Café* story.

TRAINING ADDITIONS

Online

- [Planning for Restoration Using the Habitat Priority Planner and Spatial Analysis](#) (webinar recording)
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ADDITIONAL UPDATES

[West Coast Managers Discover Sea Level Rise Visualization Tool](#)

About 300 coastal professionals learned about the Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Impacts Viewer at five workshops on sea level rise in Washington, Oregon, and California.

[Digital Coast Fellows on Board](#)

For the first time, the Center has placed three coastal management fellows with Digital Coast partner organizations, and these fellows will help advance community resilience, coastal planning policy, and geospatial data use in decision-making.

[GeoZone - A Blog for Coastal Geogeeks](#) [Hurricane Sandy Geospatial Resources](#)

NEWS FROM OUR COASTAL COLLEAGUES

[Pre-Sandy Video Touches on New York's Vulnerability](#)

The risks faced by New York and other cities from large storms and sea level change were noted in a talk given at the Oceans 2012 conference by Margaret Davidson, the acting director of NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

[New NACo Leader](#)

Matthew D. Chase has been named the executive director of the National Association of Counties (NACo), where he will serve as the spokesman for NACo and America's counties, advocate before federal policy makers, and promote county issues.

[Acadian Redfish Deemed Sustainable](#)

NOAA announced that the Acadian Redfish is part of the FishWatch family of sustainable seafood.

[California Climate Adaptation Planning Guide](#)

This new publication provides a step-by-step process for developing local and regional assessment and adaptation strategies.

[Bridging the Research-Policy Gap](#)

A fellowship opportunity involving the National Science Foundation and NOAA will enable social, behavioral, and economic scientists to work alongside NOAA scientists and policy makers.

[Summary of Great Lakes Climate Impacts and Initiatives](#)

EcoAdapt has released *The State of Climate Change Adaptation in the Great Lakes Region*.

[Case Studies Tell Marine Management Stories](#)

A new website contains the largest set of case studies ever compiled on marine ecosystem-based management.

[Socioeconomics Conference in the Big Easy](#)

The Fourth National Forum on Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems will take place on March 24 to 26, 2013, in New Orleans.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

Some of the courses listed here are available via the Web, and we encourage you to register. Others are offered on-site by guest hosts. For additional course or registration information, or to host a course at your location, please e-mail us at csc.training.request@noaa.gov.

TRAINING

Webinars

- [Digital Coast Webinar: Dive into the Data: A Virtual Intro to the Ocean and Great Lakes Economy](#)
December 5, 2012
2 to 3 p.m. (eastern)

On-Line Training

- [OpenNSPECT](#)
December 12, 2012
2 to 3 p.m. (eastern)

On-Site Training

- [Public Issues and Conflict Management](#)
December 4 to 5, 2012
Fort Myers, Florida
- [Project Design and Evaluation](#)
December 11 to 12, 2012
Mount Vernon, Washington
- [Project Design and Evaluation](#)
December 13 to 14, 2012
Tacoma, Washington

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