

The New Hampshire Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission

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Tonight

- What is it and why was it formed?
- What have they been doing?
- What are they doing next?
- Who is on it, and how do I interact with the commission?



What is the Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission?

Established by Legislation in August 2013

The commission shall recommend legislation, rules, and other actions to prepare for projected sea level rise and other coastal and coastal watershed hazards such as storms, increased river flooding, and storm water runoff, and the risks such hazards pose to municipalities and state assets in New Hampshire.

The commission shall review National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other scientific agency projections of coastal storm inundation, and flood risk to determine the appropriate information, data, and property risks.

What is the Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission?

End Product:

Reports with guidance and recommendations to: legislature, state agencies, municipalities



Approach

Process:

1. gather facts; understand the science, quantify risks
2. receive input from stakeholders and the public
3. assess and evaluate
4. develop recommendations
5. report to the legislature, stakeholders, public

Organization:

Steering Comm., Science Adv. Panel, Sector Workgroups

What have they been doing?

Gathering Information: presentations from agencies, communities, insurance representatives, representatives from developers, planning commissions, and scientists.

Establishing a common scientific starting place: Science and Technical Advisory Panel Report complete

What will they do next?

Workgroups will dig into assessing vulnerabilities and making recommendations.

Coastal Communities

Great Bay Communities

State Agency and Legislation



Who is involved?

TOWN	WHO
HAMPTON	David Wood
HAMPTON FALLS	Paul Melanson
SEABROOK	Raymond Smith
Political leaders	Rep. Fred Rice, Rep. Chris Muns, Sen. Stiles

How do I get involved?

1. Participate in meetings like this (or other CAW workshops)- the results will be given directly to the commission. Keep your eyes peeled for other public input sessions as the commission works this year.
2. Visit the website for minutes, agendas, presentations, and relevant reports:
<http://nhcrhc.stormsmart.org/>
3. Get in touch with your town or legislative representatives and tell them what you think.