

Survey of Reserve Partners and Stakeholders

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office for Management conducts periodic evaluations of national estuarine research reserves as required by the Coastal Zone Management Act.

As part of the evaluation of [name] Reserve, the Office for Coastal Management would like to obtain your perspective and opinion on the reserve's implementation of its programs and activities. The evaluation will cover the time period of [Month 20XX to Month 20XX]. Please note that the word "you" in the following questions refers to an organization or a person, as appropriate.

A summary report that includes combined survey responses will be provided to the program and will be made available to the public upon a Freedom of Information Act request. Your responses will not be linked to your name.

If there are questions that do not apply to you, or questions you do not wish to answer, please skip them.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

1. How well do you think the reserve is doing in addressing the following four National Estuarine Research Reserve System priorities?

a. Providing opportunities for research and monitoring.

[Choice of radial buttons for Excellent, Good, Adequate, Poor, Very Poor, and No Opinion. Also, Comment Box]

b. Enhancing public awareness and understanding of estuarine areas through public education and interpretation opportunities.

[Choice of radial buttons for Excellent, Good, Adequate, Poor, Very Poor, and No Opinion. Also, Comment Box]

c. Providing coastal decision makers with knowledge and tools to address critical resource management issues through the Coastal Training Program.

[Choice of radial buttons for Excellent, Good, Adequate, Poor, Very Poor, and No Opinion. Also, Comment Box]

d. Protecting and restoring the reserve's resources.

[Choice of radial buttons for Excellent, Good, Adequate, Poor, Very Poor, and No Opinion. Also, Comment Box]

2. What are the reserve's top one to three accomplishments?

[Three comment boxes]

3. What are the top one to three coastal management challenges/issues in the region?

[Three comment boxes]

4. What are the reserve's top one to three strengths in implementing its programs?

[Three comment boxes]

5. What are the reserve's top one to three weaknesses in implementing its programs? (internal obstacles and/or issues)

[Three comment boxes]

6. What are the reserve's top one to three opportunities to make a bigger impact in the future? (Locally, regionally, state-wide, or nationally).

[Comment box]

7. Is there anything else you would like to share?

[Comment box]

8. Choose the category which best describes who you represent.

[Choice of radial buttons for Local Government, State Government, Federal Government, Business/Industry, Nonprofit/Nongovernmental Organization/Academia, and other. Comment box for Other (please specify)]

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