

The Clean Ocean Zone

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Who We Are

Clean Ocean Action...

- Formed in 1984 to improve the degraded water quality of the marine waters off the New Jersey/New York coast;
- Uses science, law, education, and citizen action to protect our clean ocean economies from pollution and industrialization;
- Is a broad-based coalition of 135 active boating, business, community, conservation, diving, environmental, fishing, religious, service, student, surfing, and women's groups, as well as thousands of Concerned Businesses and Citizens.



What We Do

Advocacy & Science

- Pollution track-down and prevention
- Advocating for clean ocean economies
- Energy (Oil, Gas, Renewables)
- Coastal development and non-point-source pollution
- Dredged material management and ocean dumping



Education & Outreach

- Middle School Student Summits
- Student Ocean Advocates
- *Beach Sweeps & Corporate Sweeps*
- Barnegat Bay Buddies
- Sustainable Jersey
- COAST Campaign
- Coalition building and region-wide collaborations



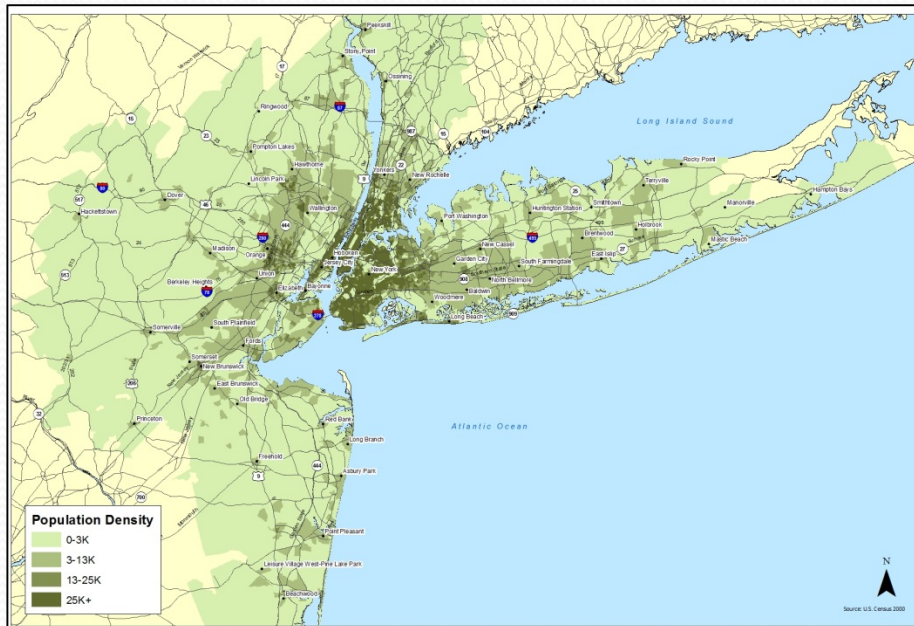
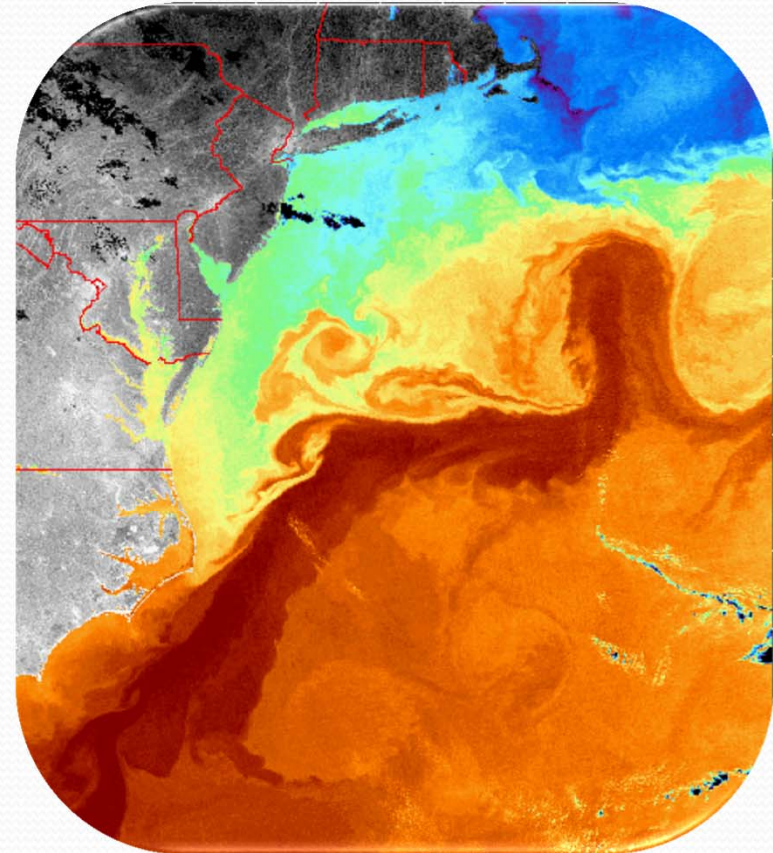
The Clean Ocean Zone (COZ)



NY/NJ Bight is at the intersection of warm waters from the Gulf Stream and cold waters from the Labrador Current



The NY/NJ Bight is surrounded by some of the most densely populated urban areas in the nation



COZ: Unique Value

- Over 300 species of **fish**
- Over 340 species of **birds**
- 25 species of **mammals** and **sea turtles**



The NY/NJ Bight is also along the route for countless species of migratory fish and birds, and is vital spawning habitat for many ecologically significant species

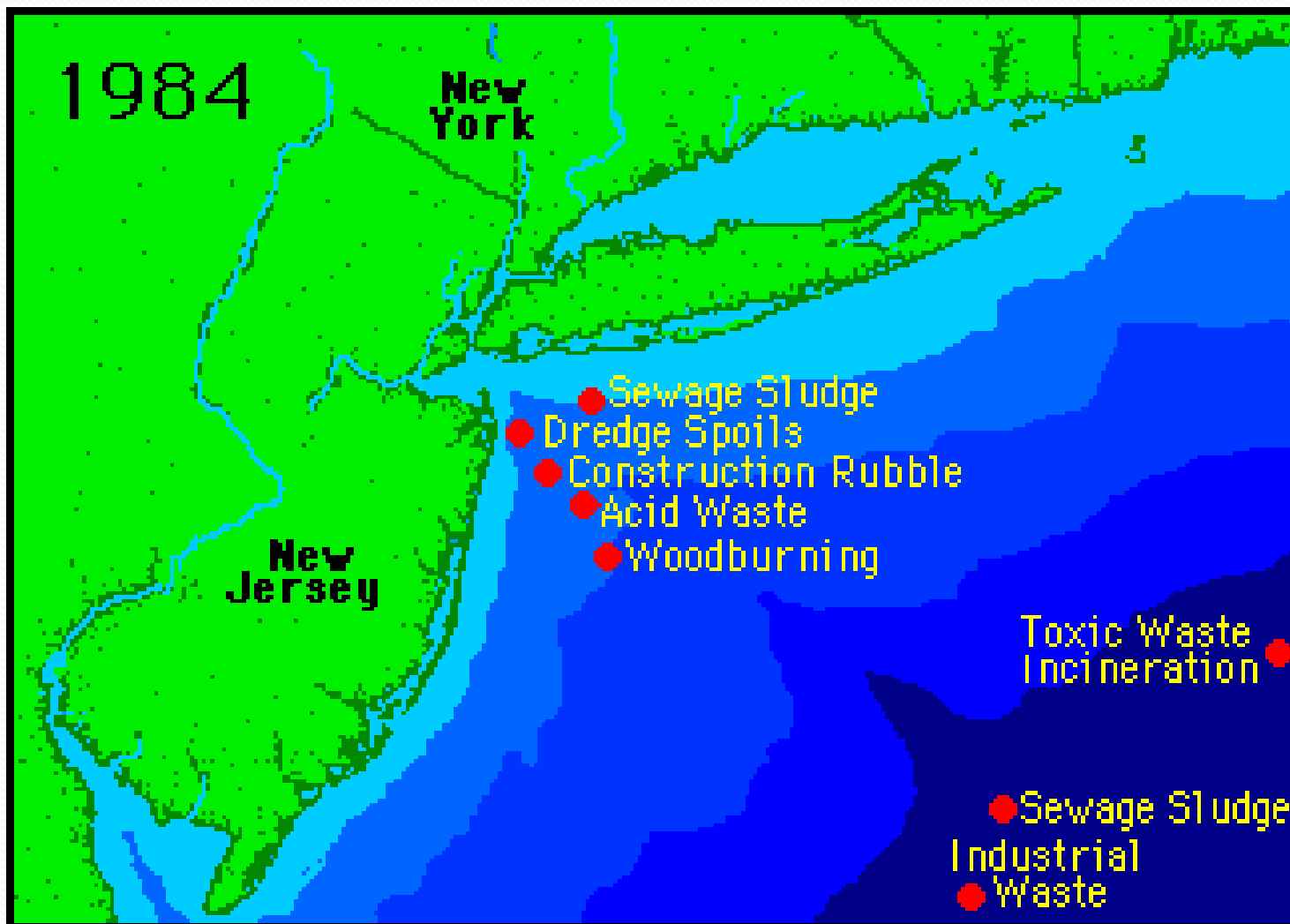


COZ: Unique Value

- Generates economic and intrinsic values for **20 million** people
- Host to one of the world's busiest ports
- Sustains **multi-billion** dollar commercial and recreational fisheries
- Provides recreation and tourism opportunities for millions of residents and visitors each year



Cleaning up a Legacy of Pollution



COZ: Origins

- Coalition of organizations banded together to fight ongoing - and increasing - pollution threats
- Years of collaborations to develop and draft a Clean Ocean Zone initiative

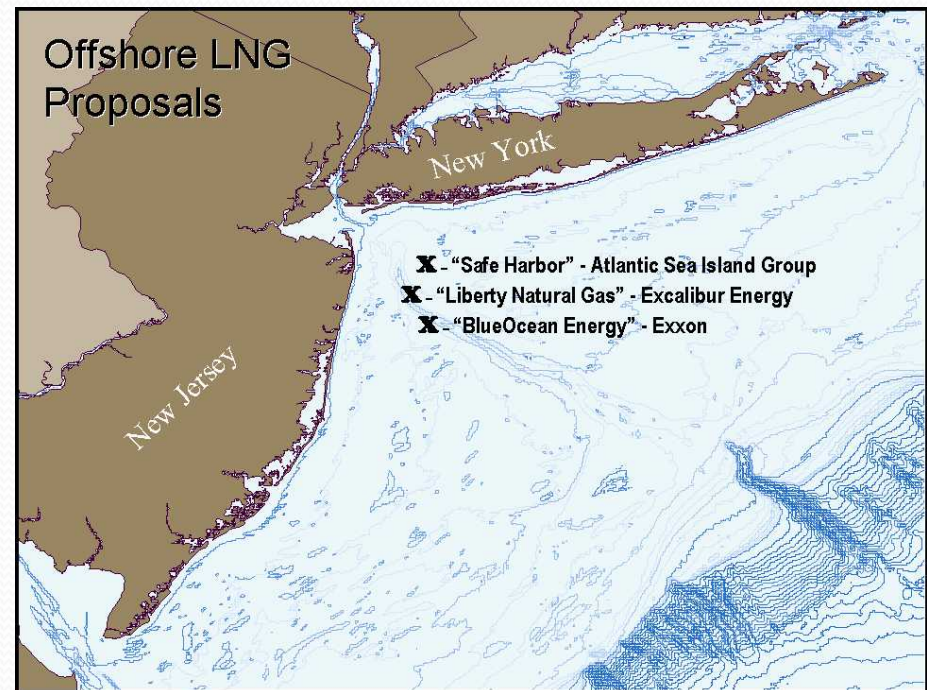
Multiple Stakeholders
Multiple Users
Multiple Constituencies

One Goal: Clean Oceans, Healthy Waters



COZ: Threats

- Ocean Industrialization
- Liquefied Natural Gas Terminals
- Oil and Gas Surveys, Explorations, and Drilling
 - *E.g., BOEM 2012 “Atlantic Ocean G&G Activities EIS”*
- New Point Sources of Pollution
- Ocean Dumpsites and Sediment Contamination



COZ: Solution

Lock in Progress, Lock Out New Sources of Pollution

Move beyond the need to fight battle after battle, year after year, to prevent ocean pollution and industrialization





COZ: Reducing Pollution

- **Prohibit** new ocean dumpsites.
- **Mandate** capping of the Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS) – formerly the Mud Dump Site – with progressively cleaner sediment to ensure the remediation of the HARS and to protect against adverse ecological effects.
- **Prohibit** new point sources of pollution and increases of discharge capacity (e.g., wastewater discharge outfalls, industrial discharges) to encourage environmentally protective beneficial reuse of wastewater.



COZ: Protecting Ecosystems

- **Prohibit** the permanent extraction (e.g. strip-mining) of natural non-renewable resources, including sand and gravel, while allowing beach replenishment.
- **Prohibit** industrial and non-renewable energy facilities and infrastructure, including oil and gas exploration and development.
- **Require** the development of responsible regulations for renewable energy sources. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 delegates this to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, but under the COZ, NOAA will have “concurrence” authority over energy facility siting.



COZ: Supporting Resources

- **Support** recreational and commercial fishing.
 - The COZ acknowledges that there are already federal and state laws for managing fisheries *already*; that the COZ is for pollution prevention and cannot be used for fishery management actions.
- **Support** federal and state approved artificial reefs, and allow underwater research and exploration.
 - Except projects that will adversely affect the ecosystem.
- **Support, celebrate, and sustain** maritime activities that depend on a healthy and clean ocean, such as: boating, underwater diving, fishing, surfing, swimming, and the enjoyment of the sea. The COZ legislation will not be used to restrict or limit these activities.

COZ: Supporters

ORGANIZATIONS

Environmental

Alliance for a Living Ocean (NJ)
American Littoral Society
Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (NJ)
Barnegat Bay Partnership (NJ)
Blue Ocean Institute
Bound Brook High School Environmental Club (NJ)
Citizens Against Aberdeen Forge & Mirror Lake (NJ)
Citizens' Environmental Coalition (NY)
Clearwater (NY)
Coalition Against Toxics (NJ)
Coastal Marine Resource Center of New York
Concerned Citizens of Montauk (NY)
Friends of Liberty State Park (NJ)
Friends of Long Island Sound (NY)
Friends of the Boardwalk (NY)
Friends of the Navesink Highlands/Lenape Woods Coalition (NJ)
Group for the East End (NY)
High Technology High School Environmental Club (NJ)
Jamaica Bay Eco Watchers (NY)
Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Monmouth Conservation Foundation (NJ)
Monmouth County Audubon Society (NJ)
Natural Resources Protective Association (NY)
New Jersey Environmental Federation (NJ)
NY/NJ Baykeeper (NY/NJ)
Pingry School Environmental Protection Club (NJ)
Raritan Riverkeeper (NJ)
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Environmental Club (NJ)
Save Barnegat Bay (NJ)
Shark River Cleanup Coalition, Inc. (NJ)
Sierra Club Long Island (NY)
Unplug Salem Campaign (NJ)
Students for Waveriding & Environmental Leisure (SWEL), Rutgers University (NJ)

Education

Lower Cape May Regional Education Association (NJ)
Lower Cape May Regional School French Club (NJ)
Lower Cape May Regional School Girl's Track Team (NJ)
New York State Marine Education Association
School Based Youth Services (NJ)

Faith-Based

Coalition for Peace & Justice (NJ)
Maris Stella Advisory Committee (NJ)
Medical Mission Sisters, North America Sector
Religious On Water
Secular Franciscan Order, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (NJ)
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth – Leadership Team (NJ)
Sisters of St. Dominic (NJ)

Sisters of St. Joseph – Philadelphia (PA)
Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey Justice Circle (NJ)
St. Francis of Assisi Environmental Ministry (NJ)
WATERSPIRIT (NJ)

Fishing (Recreational & Commercial), Seafood Industry, & Other Resource Users

Asbury Park Fishing Club (NJ)
Divers Anonymous Scuba Dive Club (NJ)
Fishermen's Conservation Association (NY)
Fishermen's Dock Cooperative – Point Pleasant (NJ)
Garden State Seafood Association (NJ)
Gildford Park Yacht Club (NJ)
Hudson River Fishermen's Association - NJ Chapter
In Too Deep Dive Club (NJ)
Marine Trades Association of New Jersey
New Jersey Council of Diving Clubs (NJ)
New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc. (NJ)
New Jersey Museum of Boating (NJ)
New York Sportfishing Federation (NY)
Recreational Fishing Alliance
Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County (NJ)
South Jersey Dive Club (NJ)
United Boatmen of NY/NJ
Staten Island Tuna Club (NY)

Garden Clubs

Bedford Garden Club (NJ)
Garden Club of Irvington (NY)
Garden Club of Long Beach Island (NJ)
Garden Club R.F.D. of Middletown (NJ)
Holly Club of Sea Girt (NJ)
Island Heights Garden Club (NJ)
Rumson Garden Club (NJ)
Rochester Garden Club (NY)
Rockaway Valley Garden Club (NY)
Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head & Mantoloking (NJ)
Syracuse Garden Club (NY)
Shrewsbury Garden Club (NJ)
Village Garden Club of Middletown (NJ)

Labor & Union

Communications Workers of America – Local 1034

Homeowner & Civic Associations

Beachside Bungalow Preservation Association (NY)
Concerned Citizens of Bensonhurst (NY)
Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Island (NJ)
The League of Women Voters of Ocean County (NJ)
Long Branch Historical Association (NJ)
York Street Project (NJ)

Surfing

PaddleOut.org (NJ)
Surfers' Environmental Alliance
Surfrider Foundation
Surfrider Foundation - Central Long Island Chapter (NY)
Surfrider Foundation - Eastern Long Island Chapter (NY)
Surfrider Foundation - Jersey Shore Chapter (NJ)
Surfrider Foundation - New York City Chapter (NY)
Surfrider Foundation - South Jersey Chapter (NJ)

BUSINESSES

Brave New World (NJ)
Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (NJ)
Gracie and the Dudes Ice Cream (NJ)
Jersey Shore Chefs Association (NJ)
Jenkinson's Aquarium (NJ)
Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NJ)
Ortley Beach Property Owners Association Inc. (NJ)
South Monmouth Board of Realtors (NJ)

MUNICIPALITIES & COMMISSIONS

Asbury Park Environment
& Shade Tree Commission, NJ
Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)
Atlantic Highlands Environmental Commission, NJ
Beachwood Environmental Commission
Borough of Barnegat Light, NJ
Borough of Bay Head, NJ
Borough of Beach Haven, NJ
Borough of Belmar, NJ
Township of Berkeley, NJ
Borough of Bradley Beach, NJ
Bradley Beach Environmental Commission, NJ
Township of Brick, NJ
City of Brigantine, NJ
Borough of Deal, NJ
Township of Dover, NJ
Borough of Eatontown, NJ
Borough of Englishtown, NJ
Township of Freehold, NJ
Hazlet Township Environmental Commission, NJ
Township of Howell, NJ
Borough of Interlaken, NJ
Borough of Keyport, NJ
Township of Lakewood, NJ
Borough of Lavallette, NJ
Township of Long Beach, NJ
City of Long Branch, NJ
Township of Manalapan, NJ
Borough of Manasquan, NJ
Borough of Mantoloking, NJ

City of Margate, NJ
Township of Marlboro, NJ
Township of Middle, NJ
Township of Neptune, NJ
Neptune Environmental/Shade Tree Commission, NJ
Township of Ocean (Ocean County), NJ
City of Ocean City, NJ
Ocean City Coastal Conservation Commission, NJ
Borough of Ocean Gate, NJ
Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
Borough of Red Bank, NJ
Red Bank Environmental Commission, NJ
Borough of Seaside Heights, NJ
Borough of Seaside Park, NJ
Borough of Ship Bottom, NJ
Somers Point Environmental Commission, NJ
Township of Stafford, NJ
Borough of Surf City, NJ
Township of Wall, NJ
Wall Environmental Advisory Committee, NJ
City of Wildwood, NJ
Borough of Wildwood Crest, NJ

Citizens: 40,000+

COZ & The Council

Request:
Council Pass a Resolution in
Support of the
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