



Name	Climate Variability and Coastal Community Resilience: Testing a National Model of State-based Outreach
Description	The Maine Sea Grant College Program, in partnership with the Oregon Sea Grant College Program, conducted a two-year NOAA-funded project: 1) to study how climate variability and coastal hazards may be affecting Maine and Oregon's coastal regions and how these impacts relate to coastal development in the two states; 2) to encourage and facilitate collaboration among and between decision makers and coastal property owners to determine and implement appropriate responses to climate variability on short and longer timescales; 3) to discover the barriers that targeted groups in the states have to taking action to prepare for or mitigate the effects of climate change; and 4) to develop educational and informational materials and strategies concerning n these topics. The ultimate goal of the project is to have definitive actions that result in coastal communities being more resilient to climate variability. In Maine this included a survey and focus groups of property owners, municipal officials, and recreationists to determine "barriers and benefits that coastal property owners and municipal officials face in taking action to prepare for impacts from coastal storms, flooding, and erosion." This report summarizes the results of this project and the surveys and focus groups. The project also resulted in a documentary and a website.
Type	- PRODUCTS: Other - PRODUCTS: Engagement - PRODUCTS: Education
Sector	- Infrastructure - Natural Ecosystems
Focus Area	- Coasts and Climate Resilience (including sea-level rise)
Region	- Regional Or State -- New England
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