

What is the Coastal Zone Management Act?

- The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) (16 U.S.C. §§ 1450 *et seq.*) was enacted to protect the coastal environment from increasing demands associated with commercial, industrial, recreational, and recreational uses, including State and Federal offshore energy development.
- Encourages the States to preserve, protect, develop, and, where possible, restore or enhance resources of the Nation's coastal zone.
- Voluntary, but the Act makes financial assistance available to develop and implement a comprehensive coastal management program (CMP).
- The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management is the lead Federal agency for CZMA.

BOEM's CZMA Duties Regarding Atlantic G&G Applications

- G&G activities are federally permitted and subject to Federal consistency reviews.
- BOEM determines if the State CMP has G&G activities listed in the State's coastal management plan to receive review and if it is within the State's coastal zone or an offshore geographic location that has been approved by NOAA.
- None of the Mid- or South Atlantic States have offshore G&G activities listed in their coastal management programs. Therefore, they will have to get approval from NOAA to review these activities (see the flowchart below).

