



# Legislative Atlas

*NOAA Coastal Services Center and*

**URL:** <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/legislativeatlas>

## **Purpose of application**

Organizations interested in regional ocean management and other ocean-related initiatives will appreciate the quick access to the complex set of laws that govern the nation's ocean waters provided by the Legislative Atlas. Users can select an area on a map and see the coastal and ocean laws that apply to that area. The Legislative Atlas supports the work of regional ocean councils, which are entities recommended by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy to improve the management of the nation's coasts and oceans.

## **Geographic extent**

The Legislative Atlas covers the terrestrial, shoreline and near-shore coastal environments of the United States, including Hawaii, extending seaward to include State and Federal waters out to the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone.

## **Target audience**

This tool is used by organizations and individuals interested in regional ocean managements, coastal and marine spatial planning, and other ocean-related activities where an understanding of coastal and ocean laws is needed.

## **Data included (general categories)**

**Number of data sets:** 596

### **Information on:**

- Jurisdictional boundaries and limits such as the Territorial Sea and Marine Protected Areas,
- Federal agency districts, regions, and planning bodies
- Spatial depictions of various U.S. Federal regulations such as the Clean Water Act
- Spatial depictions of various state-level regulations

## **Distinguishing features**

- **Provides a searchable database of coastal and ocean legislation**
- **Displays boundaries of laws, jurisdictions, policies, and more**
- **Offers the ability to access and download laws, as spatial data**

## **Technology used (web GIS, server, database, content management system?)**

- **WebGIS:** ArcIMS 9.3.1
- **Database:** ArcServer9.3.1 and Microsoft SQL Server 2005
- **Server:** IIS Server with Apache Tomcat 5.5