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GPO'S FEDERAL DIGITAL SYSTEM PROVIDES ACCESS TO NOAA COLLECTION

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is providing permanent public access to the Coastal Zone Information Collection (CZIC) through the agency's Federal Digital System (FDsys), a one-stop site to authentic, published Government information. In collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center, GPO is providing digital access to more than 5,000 coastal related documents. The collection provides nearly 30 years of data and information crucial to the understanding of U.S. coastal management and NOAA's mission to sustain healthy coasts. NOAA sought GPO's preservation repository services on FDsys after planning to discontinue public access to the collection.

Link to Coastal Zone Information Collection on FDsys:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=CZIC>

"GPO is delighted to partner with NOAA Coastal Services Center to provide permanent public access to the valuable digital Coastal Zone Information Collection," said GPO's Superintendent of Documents Mary Alice Baish. "GPO encourages Federal agencies to take advantage of FDsys' preservation repository capabilities as a way to ensure longevity and provide the public with permanent access to their Federal documents."

"This collection represents an important historical overview of our nation's coastal zone management policies," says Donna McCaskill, communications manager for the NOAA Coastal Services Center. "GPO's Federal Digital System allows us to provide this information to a broader audience we otherwise wouldn't have been able to reach."

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