

Recommendations for North Carolina Projections of Sea Level Rise

- To date, there is absolutely no evidence of any acceleration in sea level rise. Speculations about sea level rise are based primarily on assumptions about anthropogenic global warming (AGW), which in turn are based on carbon dioxide increases in the last several years.
- There has been no statistical correlation to date between sea level rise and actual temperature rise.
- Since there has been no statistical proof of acceleration in sea level, the use of a point estimate of 39" is statistically unjustified.
- Any projection that any agency or organization of the State of North Carolina that chooses to issue such a projection should at least include this disclaimer:

Although there is no evidence of any acceleration in sea level rise at the present time, the (name of organization) is projecting a potential increase of ______ inches by the year 2100. This estimate is advisory only and should not form the basis for any mandate, rule, regulation, or law.

• A five year review shall be conducted and any evidence of sustained acceleration of sea level rise or lack thereof shall be duly published by this agency.

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