The Coastal Area includes the land and waters that fall within the coastal zone as defined by the state under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. The coastal zone is the area of the state that is adjacent to the coastal waters (i.e., the area comprised of the coastallands and waters of the state and adjacent to the coastal waters, including the coastallands and coastal waters of other states). The boundaries of the Coastal Area are delineated by the coastal zone lines as defined by the state. The Coastal Area includes the following counties: Fairfield, New Haven, and Westchester. The Coastal Area also includes the coastal waters of the state, which are the portion of the ocean that is adjacent to the coast of the state and extends seaward to the outer limits of the coastal zone as defined by the state. The Coastal Area is managed by the Coastal Zone Management Program of the state, which is responsible for coordinating and implementing the state's coastal zone management program. The Coastal Area is a vital resource for the state, providing a range of benefits such as recreation, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic values.