



National Campaign Policy on Climate Change

Surfrider agrees with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change findings that global warming is a reality and that many of the impacts will be felt more acutely along our coasts than in many other geographical areas. These effects will be felt both along the shore and in the water. Along the shore there is a strong likelihood of sea level rise and increased frequency and severity of storms. In the water, changes in chemical composition, particularly increased acidity, will affect sea life including a wide range of shellfish and corals.

Surfrider Foundation therefore supports, through collaboration with partner organisations, efforts to reduce carbon and other greenhouse gas causing emissions. We will address coastal issues with increased urgency in light of sea level rise and encourage all public and private entities to do the same. Surfrider believes that global warming and sea level rise further reduce the efficacy of shoreline armoring and will continue to advocate and establish appropriate setbacks for coastal development based on the current predictions of sea level rise, erosion and associated trends making planned retreat our preferred first option.