

Coastal Management Bill Stalled in House

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With less than three weeks remaining in the legislative session, it's looking unlikely lawmakers will pass a bill to re-establish the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

A citizens' initiative setting up program has been approved for a statewide vote later this year. But lawmakers could pre-empt the measure with "substantially similar" legislation.

Kodiak Republican Alan Austerman - the House Majority Leader - introduced a bill that closely mirrors the initiative. But Austerman says he's aware some House members oppose legislative action on the coastal management issue. [Read more here.](#)