

CMECS Proposed Change Request Form

Thank you for your interest in improving the Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS). The CMECS Implementation Group values suggestions from the user community to revise, update and improve the Standard.

Please fill out this form as completely as possible. Consult the Submission Field Definitions and Guidelines (<https://tinyurl.com/y3rubho9>) for detailed instructions of information to be provided. Proposals that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned. More information about the overall change proposal process is on the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) CMECS webpage (<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/coastal-marine-ecological-classification-standard>).

Upon submission, you will receive an email confirmation of your request, and our review team will be notified to initiate the review process. If necessary, you may be contacted to clarify any details of your request. A written response will be sent at the end of the process to let you know if your revision will be incorporated into the Standard and to explain the rationale for the decision.

Please contact the CMECS Implementation Group (ocm.cmec-update@noaa.gov) if you have questions about the process.

This form will automatically record your email address so that we can send you a copy of the information you submit, and so that we can more easily manage your submission and any supporting documentation. We do not share this information with anyone outside the CMECS Implementation Group.

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* Required

1. Email *

Contact Information

2. First Name *

3. Last Name *

4. Affiliation *

Enter the name of the organization with which you are affiliated

5. If this proposal includes multiple authors, please provide their names and affiliations.

Contact information for co-authors is not necessary, as the primary proposer will receive communications about the proposals.

Proposal
Details

Consult the Submission Field Definitions and Guidelines (<https://tinyurl.com/y3rubho9>) for detailed instructions of information to be provided.

6. Proposed Change Type *

Select the option that best fits the case you are describing.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Units and Definitions (if you are suggesting changes to specific units in the CMECS)
Skip to question 13
- ☐ CMECS Document Supporting Text (if you are suggesting changes to text in the CMECS Standards Document that is not part of a unit definition) *Skip to question 11*
- ☐ Other (if you are suggesting complex changes that involve multiple units or major changes to hierarchy or approach, select "other", then describe in the "Description of Proposed Change" section below) *Skip to question 13*

7. Primary CMECS Setting or Component *

Select the name of the primary setting or component of the unit(s) involved in the change. If there is more than one Component involved in the change, select one value here and describe the additional Components in the "Description of Proposed Change."

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Aquatic Setting
- ☐ Biogeographic Setting
- ☐ Water Column Component
- ☐ Geoform Component
- ☐ Substrate Component
- ☐ Biotic Component

8. Description of proposed change *

Where possible, Identify current text in the Standard that will be deleted or replaced and provide exact revised text, images, and other graphics to be inserted into the Standard document if the proposed revision is accepted. Include new scales and cutoffs, as appropriate; follow format and style of existing CMECS text and unit definitions. (5000 characters maximum)

9. Justification for Proposed Change *

Provide an explanation of why the Standard needs to be changed. Justifications for editorial changes may be brief and straightforward. Errors in spelling or grammar may not need justification beyond "erroneous." Corrections of technical inaccuracies or omissions require explanation. Include relevant literature citations as appropriate. Consult the Submission Field Definitions and Guidelines (<https://tinyurl.com/y3rubho9>) for further details. (5000 character maximum)

10. Geographic Range for Proposed Change *

Describes the geographic scope or range of the new concept or unit and how extensively the change would apply. Consult the Submission Field Definitions and Guidelines (<https://tinyurl.com/y3rubho9>) for further details. (5000 character maximum)

Additional
Information for
"CMECS
Document
Supporting Text"
Change
Proposals

Please provide the following information by referring to the Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (FGDC-STD-018-2012, Federal Geographic Data Committee. 2012.) document

(https://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/cmecs-folder/CMECS_Version_06-2012_FINAL.pdf)

Consult the Submission Field Definitions and Guidelines

(<https://tinyurl.com/y3rubho9>) for further details.

11. CMECS Document Section *

Enter the Section Number from the Table of Contents of the CMECS document that identifies the location of the text that you are suggesting be revised. If you are making a suggestion that does not relate to a specific section of the document, please enter N/A.

12. CMECS Document Specifier *

Enter the page, paragraph, line, or figure/table number from the Table of Contents of the CMECS document that identifies the location of the text/figure/table that you are suggesting be revised. If you are making a suggestion that does not relate to a specific page, paragraph, line, or figure/table number in the document, please enter N/A.

Attached Documents

Attach any documents that support your proposed change, justification, and geographic range that might help us better understand your request.

13. Attach your files here

There is a limit of 5 attachments that cannot exceed 10MB total. Please bundle related files into a single file, with topics identified, in order to minimize the number of appended files in the overall submission. Please compress multiple and large files to a .zip file before uploading.

Files submitted:

14. Can't upload your files?

For larger datasets that cannot be uploaded here, please check the box below. We will then contact you after you submit this form to arrange for the transfer of your documents and files, and ensure we have all the support information to review your request.

Check all that apply.

☐ Please contact me about submitting additional documents and files

Submit Your Form

Upon submission, the proposal will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the CMECS Implementation Group, who will communicate with the proposer, provide feedback, make a decision on the proposal, and inform the proposer of that decision.

On behalf of the entire CMECS community, we thank you for your ideas, your effort, and your time.

If any attachments were provided, the form may take a few moments to process. Please do not refresh your browser or click the back button while the form is being submitted. A confirmation page will appear when your request is complete.

Although you will be emailed a copy of this completed form with the information you provided, please copy and save the text in the fields of the Proposal Details Section as a backup before submitting. This will avoid loss of your work if a system error occurs.

15. Willing to be a Proposal Reviewer

Please indicate if you are willing to be a reviewer for subsequent proposals submitted by others.

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Final Check *

Check all that apply.

☐ I have backed up my text entries

☐ All required elements have been completed on this form

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