

Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard

STRUCTURE: SETTINGS AND COMPONENTS

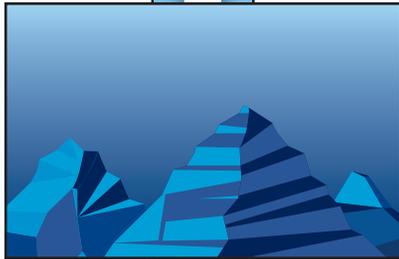
BIOGEOGRAPHIC SETTING

Ecoregions defined by climate, geology, and evolutionary history



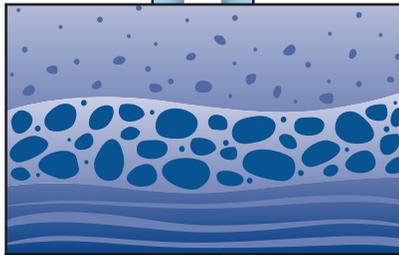
Water Column Component

Structure and Characteristics of the Water Column



Geofom Component

Geomorphic Structural Character of the Coast or Seafloor



Substrate Component

Character and Composition of Surface and Near-Surface Substrates



Biotic Component

Assemblages of Benthic or Suspended/Floating Biota

AQUATIC SETTING
Zones defined by salinity, coastal proximity, and tidal regime

BIOTOPE

Combination of abiotic habitat and associated species