**Coastal Environments Notes**

        Types

         Beaches – coastline, sediment deposits

         Rocky cliffs – Pacific Coast

         Barrier islands

         Estuaries

        Threats

         Development

         Wave action from boat traffic

         Nutrient loading

         Extraction of oil

         Rise in ocean levels

         Pollution

        Coastal Zone Management Act – 1972

         Partnership between federal and state governments

         Objectives

        Protect natural resources.

        Management coastal development to reduce the impact of natural hazards.

        Protect and restore coastal water quality.

        Priority to coastal-dependent uses.

        Encourage waterfront development.

        Provide public access.

        Plan for sea level rise.

        Coordinate and simplify government decision making.

        Encourage public participation.