12 Stressors

Based on extensive interviews with local officials and stakeholders in the coastal PDCs twelve stressors were identified impacting working waterfronts:

1. Shifting development patterns,
2. Adverse land use changes,
3. Appropriate use of zoning to ensure that the waterfront is managed in a harmonious way,
4. Additional comprehensive plan language needed,
5. Loss of commercial fish processing facilities,
6. Loss of commercial fishing facilities,
7. Maintaining a network of public tie-up facilities is needed,
8. Preservation of commercial boat slips in privately owned working waterfronts (marina owners, dock owners, fish and oyster houses etc.) that are spatially and seasonally correct are needed,
9. Lack of tools to expand oyster farming,
10. Lack tools for business legacy planning and transition planning,
11. Inadequate understanding of existing and new tools to protect water quality, and
12. Dedicated State funding for existing public working waterfront infrastructure is needed.