Coastal communities & justice

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My Related Research:

• Coastal communities & justice from a *philosophical* perspective

• Different aspects of justice:
  • Distributive
  • Procedural, participatory
  • Recognition
Expanded idea of coastal communities

Current communities, especially marginalized, low-income communities

Intergenerational human communities: what is owed to future human communities in terms of justice along the coast?

Sentient animals: as part of our communities, or in wild communities (in 1991 Principles of Environmental Justice)
Most pressing issue: Climate change

- Disproportionately negative impacts on coastal communities, especially native people
- Exacerbates existing environmental injustice on the coast
- Major injustice for future generations – coastal retreat
- Impact on animals
  - Companion animals partially recognized in PETS Act (2006)
  - Many coastal wild animals – heavy burdens, no benefits eg polar bears
THE BIG QUESTION WITH CLARE PALMER AND BOB FISCHER: PERSONAL LIBERTY VS. PUBLIC GOOD DURING A PANDEMIC
Biggest pandemic question?

- How much should government constrain citizens’ otherwise-rightful activities to lower the risk of very serious harms to vulnerable others?
- **Climate change** also raises this question acutely
- Justice issue: both in the pandemic and climate change, those most vulnerable to the impacts of others’ freedom of action disproportionately include the very old, economically disadvantaged, and communities of color
- Given lack of voluntary compliance, there should be policies to nudge, incentivize & legally compel individuals and businesses to help keep vulnerable individuals /communities safe