California Coastal Plan

This report transmits to you the California Coastal Plan mandated by the Coastal Initiative (Proposition 20) in 1972. The Coastal Plan has evolved through countless hours of public hearings, public review of draft proposals, and informational meetings--public participation in resource planning on a scale unmatched in California. Because this Plan takes into account the wide range of often conflicting views expressed to us, because the Plan was written by 84 Commissioners on six Regional Commissions and one State Commission, and because we ourselves reflect a broad spectrum of ideas about the coast, the Plan does not speak with a single voice. All of us subscribe to some recommendations more strongly than to others, and all of us share the frustrations inevitable in being not the sole author but the contributing authors of the Plan. Nonetheless, we submit to you a Plan that we believe speaks for the people of California, a Plan that can guide us in dealing with an uncertain future, a balanced Plan designed to meet two principle objectives: 1. Protect the California coast as a great natural resource for the benefit of present and future generations. 2. Use the coast to meet human needs in a manner...
The California Coastal Commission says “1,100 magnificent miles across 10 degrees of latitude.” Visit California says it’s 1,264 miles long. If you include small bays and inlets, it gets up to more than 3,000 miles. No matter how long it really is, it's a fascinating place for visitors. Driving. If you want to drive along the California coast, most of your trip will be on the coastal highway. California's beaches and natural areas vary with its geography. In some places, the beaches are long and sandy, but in others, they can be rocky.