

Legal Lessons from an Intergovernmental Approach

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Designing a “whole of government” solution to regional environmental issues poses quite a few challenges, legal and otherwise. These challenges include providing legal information when not engaged in an attorney–client relationship, drafting legal primers for those outside the field of law, and determining the role of a lawyer in a world of policy. To accommodate these hurdles and to facilitate rapid and tailored legal research, the leadership of any intergovernmental project must provide clear goals, clarified charges, and decisive planning at the very outset of the project.