**Engage Quote:**

“You can’t take our relationship with the coast for granted, because it took a lot of sweat, blood and tears to preserve it so we have what we have today. These things didn’t just happen. The coast is what it is because a lot of people worked really hard and sacrificed to protect it. And if we want it to be there for our children, we have to keep fighting to protect it. In that way, the coast is never saved, it’s always being saved.”

- Peter Douglas, California Coastal Commission Executive Director 1985-2011

**Key Questions for the Reading:**

Expert Group 1:  
Why was the Coastal Act created? What are the priorities of the Act? What are its goals?

Expert Group 2:   
How can public accessways to the coast be created? What are some challenges in creating new public access?

Expert Group 3:   
What is “priority coastal development” according to the Coastal Act? How does the Act address potential impacts of development on marine and coastal resources?

Expert Group 4:   
Why do you think coastal views are protected? In what way is shoreline armoring limited by the Coastal Act? Why does public participation matter in the Coastal Act? Who are the Coastal Commissioners?