Coastal storms and other natural processes pose particular challenges to those planning to build or buy property along the Oregon coast, and a DVD video provides an objective overview of those challenges and how to deal with them.

Living on the Edge: Building and Buying Property on the Oregon Coast is intended for lenders, developers, realtors, and coastal officials as well as builders, buyers, and homeowners. It is co-produced by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The 25-minute feature video and four featurettes on the DVD provide essential information about the chronic effects of wave, wind, and rain on coastal beaches and bluffs. Vivid footage reveals the challenges and issues of shoreline development, while knowledgeable Oregon scientists, engineers, planners, and realtors offer their insights and recommendations to address these challenges successfully.

In the film, retired Newport banker Don Barth highlights some issues for bankers: “If they go ahead and make a loan and that turns out to be a disaster for their customer, it will also be a disaster for their bank, and probably for the individual. . . You have to be looking at every angle, checking with every source; checking, certainly, with every geologist that has done work in that area; checking with people who have used that geologist and get their opinions.”

Living on the Edge is available for $9.95 from Sea Grant Communications, OSU, 322 Kerr Administration, Corvallis OR 97331. Include $2 shipping and handling for the first DVD and $1 each for additional copies. For additional information, please contact Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Oregon Sea Grant at (541) 737-0756 or joescone@oregonstate.edu.