

# All Islands Committee Report

United States Coral Reef Task Force Meeting  
October 27, 2006

# All Islands Website

- Development has begun on a website for the Committee to improve communication
- The website is scheduled to be launched in December 2006

# Local Action Strategies

- Jurisdictions appreciate the substantial funding received for the implementation of priority projects
- LAS funding process selectively supports smaller projects and frequently fails to address priorities that require larger investments

# Local Action Strategies

- Although reporting and administrative requirements have increased significantly, funding for jurisdiction Local Action Strategies has remained at the same level

# Local Action Strategies

- Need to focus LAS on implementation of incremental approaches that fit into long term objectives
- This will require developing teams of technical and resource experts that can conduct training within each of the jurisdictions

# All Islands Strategic Action Plan and Charter

- Committee is in the process of drafting a new strategic plan and charter
- The goals of the strategic plan will reinforce Maui Resolution 2-1
- The plan is expected to be finalized in early 2007

# Coral Health and Disease

- The Manager's Guide to Coral Bleaching is expected to be a very useful tool for managers in our jurisdictions
- Anticipate working with the Coral Disease and Health Consortium to prepare another tool for managers
- Effective response to coral disease outbreaks will require increased local capacity

# Increased Federal Agency Participation at Local Level

- Acknowledge the support and cooperation of NOAA and other agencies
- Urgent need for more active engagement by all federal agencies
- This partnership is critical in both identifying new and existing sources of funding
- Partners are encouraged to expand technical support to the AIC jurisdictions.

# Responding to Major Injury Events

- Ability for the U.S. to assist in responding to a major injury event in the Freely Associated States (FAS) is currently not clearly defined
- The Committee would like to see this issue resolved before a crisis occurs

# Responding to Major Injury Events

- In the past, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has not activated Emergency Support Function 11 of the Stafford Act
- This has been an on-going process, which remains unresolved

# Micronesian Challenge

- Several Committee members and the FAS are participating in a regional conservation initiative as part of the Micronesian Challenge, which encompasses both terrestrial and marine conservation

# Task Force Resolution on Global Warming

- Committee acknowledges the need to address global warming by supporting efforts to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that significantly contribute to climate change
- Request that the Task Force amend the National Action Strategy to reflect the Committee's concern

# Recommendations for Action by the US Coral Reef Task Force

1. Increase funding for jurisdictional projects to at least 20% of Coral Reef Program appropriations to directly assist jurisdictions to address their coral reef management priorities, including projects requiring significant investment, and to support the increasing administrative burden required of the jurisdictions.

# Recommendations for Action by the US Coral Reef Task Force

2. Encourage more active engagement by ALL federal agencies in the implementation of each jurisdiction's coral reef management priorities.

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3. Provide workshops and training on:
  - Resource assessment and habitat equivalency analysis modeling to broaden the local capacities to apply this methodology.
  - Responding to injury events on coral reefs at the local level, to include governments, institutions, non-government organizations and industry to further define effective practices.
  - Management tools to improve the development of feasible strategies for jurisdictional level action (e.g. TNC, CAP, and LMMA processes).

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4. Facilitate assistance to the Freely Associated States to respond to major coral reef injury events, when requested.

# Recommendations for Action by the US Coral Reef Task Force

5. Continue to encourage the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement the Emergency Support Function 11 of the Stafford Act to address coral reef injury events associated with storms and other natural disasters in the jurisdictions.

# Recommendations for Action by the US Coral Reef Task Force

6. Consider an amendment to the Task Force's National Action Plan, Objective 5 of Goal 11, by adding the following text: *"and support efforts at the local, state, national and global levels to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases."*

# All Islands Initiative Coordinating Committee Report

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