

Coral Fellows Presentation USCRTF



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National Coral Management Fellows

- Workplans complete and approved in March 2016
- All are settled into jurisdiction and working on projects
- All have participated in their Year 1 professional development
- Plans for Year 2 training in March 2017 with Kevin Doyle
- Autumn Poisson (CNMI) and Whitney Hoot (Guam) participated in the USCRTF meeting in Guam



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Guam – Whitney Hoot

- Crafting island-wide reef resilience strategy for Guam that incorporates extensive stakeholder feedback to create a new framework for coral reef management among the island's natural resource agencies
- Coordinating the island's coral reef response team and developing standard operating procedures to address acute reef impacts



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CNMI – Autumn Poisson

- Improve the health of the Talakhaya watershed, including its streams and adjacent coral reef habitat, from land-based sources of pollution. Her main activities include
- Planting grasses and trees in the watershed
- Assisting with monitoring of the stream and coastal water quality on Rota.
- Outreach activities on Rota, such as Coastal Cleanup.

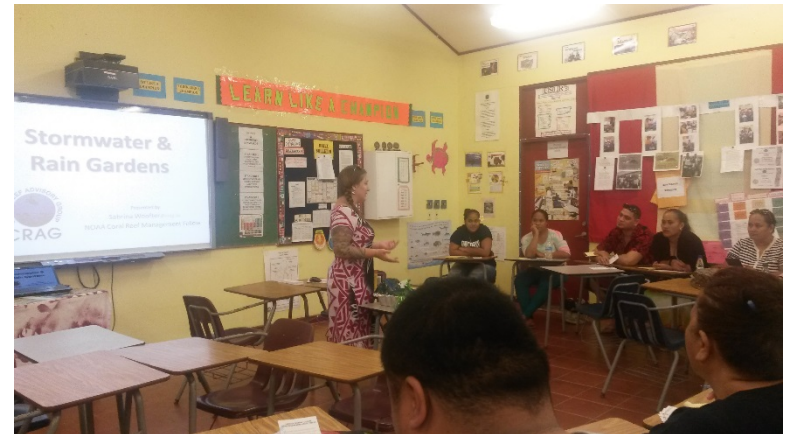


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American Samoa – Sabrina Woofter



- Improving stormwater understanding and implementing best management practices in communities to combat LBSP.
- Working with communities and agencies to improve the health of the area's coral reef ecosystems through the Coral Reef Advisory Group.
- Improve climate change resilience by increasing local awareness through the development of community resilience plans and the translation of outreach and education materials about climate change into the Samoan language.



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Puerto Rico – Mariana C. León-Pérez



- Conduct an assessment of PRCRMP's Coral Reef Monitoring Program
- Provide recommendations on the current state and future needs of coral reef conservation and management in Puerto Rico
- Developing a GIS database of Puerto Rico's coral reef monitoring data



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USVI – Hilary Lohmann

- Expand the economic and outreach capacity of the East End Marine Park
- Revive Friends of the East End Marine Park to promote responsible recreation through fund-raising, citizen science, and local partnerships
- Building a foundation to help the Friends thrive, with better organization and engagement on conservation activities long into the future



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Hawaii • Cameron Ka'ilikea Shayler



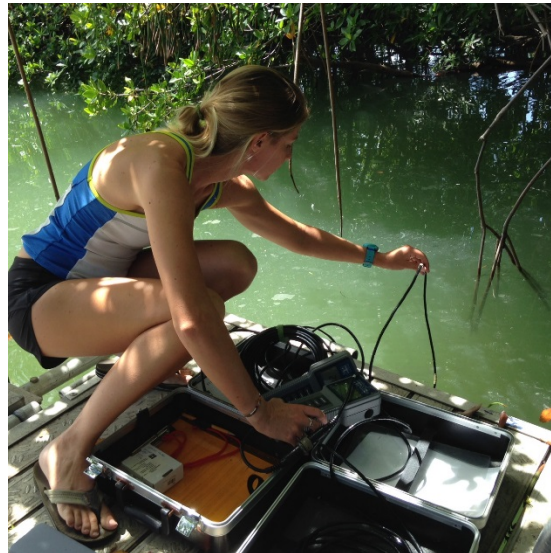
- Assisting the Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) program by supporting the establishment of post-designation procedures for recently designated CBSFA communities
- Developing a community-based monitoring program that falls in line with DAR's monitoring program



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Florida – Kelly Montenero

- Coordinating the Southeast Florida Action Network (SEAFAN), a citizen science marine incident reporting and response program
- Lead the development and implementation of a community engagement strategy to increase public awareness of reef resources
- Manage logistics for a reef tract water quality monitoring project that is being coordinated between FDEP and NOAA



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