

Coral Fellows Presentation USCRTF



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National Coral Management Fellows

- Have started 2nd year of fellowship
- Continue to work on projects
- All have participated in their Year 1 professional development and have started looking to year 2
- Autumn Poisson (CNMI) and Whitney Hoot (Guam) participated in the USCRTF meeting in Guam



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- Year 2 Training in HI week of March 20th
- Kevin Doyle facilitating
- Site visits to Kiholo, Pelekane and Puako, organized with TNC
- Career Management Roundtable Workshop to feature local agency managers and NGO representatives
- To include Facilitative Leadership, Fellows Teach Fellows, other environmental professional skills training



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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 – Malcolm Johnson

- Started on February 6, 2017
- Improve the health of the Talakhaya watershed, including its streams and adjacent coral reef habitat. His main activities include continuing planting grasses and trees in the watershed
- Assisting with monitoring of the stream and coastal water quality on Rota.
- He hopes to start participatory coastal resource assessments (PCRAs).

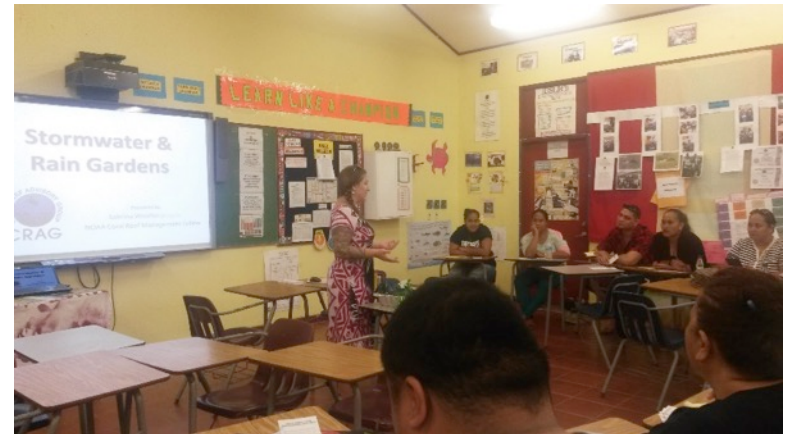


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American Samoa – Sabrina Woofter



- 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

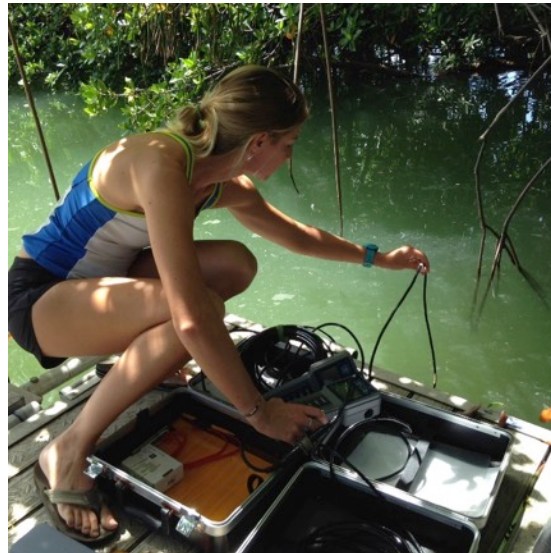
- Expand the economic and outreach capacity of the East End Marine Park
- Revive Friends of the East End Marine Park to promote responsible recreation through fund-raising, citizen science, and local partnerships
- Building a foundation to help the Friends thrive, with better organization and engagement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



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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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Hawaii • Cameron Ka'ilikea Shayler



- Resigned from fellowship in February 2017. He took a position with Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) supporting the State of Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) as the Kaua'i Island Fish & Habitat Monitoring Coordinator.



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- Starting to work on plan for 2018-2020 fellowship
- Spring 2017 – work with POCs on projects and job descriptions
- May/June – NSU will post the positions
- Summer 2017 – Review with CRCP
- Fall 2017 – Interviews with jurisdictions, final selection and site-visits.
- January 2018 – Fellows will start in jurisdiction



