

42nd U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) Business Meeting

September 12, 2019 – Koror, Palau

Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 – 8:35 Opening Chant and Prayer
- 8:35 – 9:00 Host Remarks
- Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Remarks by USCRTF Co-Chairs
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs
 - U.S. Department of Commerce – Timothy Gallaudet, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
- 9:15 – 9:35 Elected Leaders Remarks
- Honorable David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
 - Honorable Lemanu P. Mauga, Lt. Governor of American Samoa
- 9:35 – 9:45 USCRTF Member Introductions
- 9:45 – 10:05 U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee Chair’s Report
- TBD
- 10:05 – 10:25 USCRTF Steering Committee Update
- Liza Johnson, DOI
 - Jennifer Koss, NOAA
- 10:25 – 10:40 BREAK
- 10:40 – 11:00 Understanding Our Coral Reefs: USGS Science Today and Tomorrow
- Jim Reilly, USGS
- 11:00 – 11:20 Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease Update
- Dana Wusinich-Mendez, NOAA
- 11:20 – 11:25 Coral Bleaching Report
- Mark Eakin, NOAA
- 11:25 – 11:30 NOAA response to National Academy of Science Resilient Coral Interventions Study
- Jennifer Koss, NOAA

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- 11:30 – 12:30 Panel: Protected Areas Network (PAN), Micronesia Challenge (MC), and Palau National Marine Sanctuary (PNMS)
- Panel Chair: A. Lukes Isechal, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism
- 12:30 – 2:00 Executive Session (Invite only)
- 2:00 – 2:30 Public Comment
- 2:30 – 3:15 Panel: Fisheries issues and management
- Panel Chair: Liz Terk, The Nature Conservancy
- 3:15 – 3:30 BREAK
- 3:30 – 4:15 Panel: Land use change and watersheds
- Panel Chair: Roxanne Sial Blessam, Environmental Quality Protection Board
- 4:15 – 4:50 Panel: Educational programs and capacity building
- Panel Chair: Destin Rengulbai Penland, Our Oceans 2020 Secretariat, Office of the President
- 4:50 – 4:55 Update on 43rd USCRTF, Washington, DC
- 4:55 – 5:05 Member Discussion, Decision Items, and Summary of Action Items
- 5:05 – 5:15 Closing Remarks