

**U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
American Samoa
August 2012**

Wednesday, August 22

- 7:30 – 8:00** **Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:30** **Traditional Welcome and Protocol**
- 8:30 – 9:00** **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
Task Force Co-Chairs & Local Hosts
- 9:00 – 9:10** **Member Introductions**
- 9:10 – 9:25** **American Samoa Host Welcome and Remarks**
Governor Togiola Tulafono, American Samoa
- 9:25 – 9:40** **USCRTF Governor Remarks**
Governor Benigno Fitial, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- 9:40 – 9:55** **USCRTF Steering Committee Update**
Beth Dieveney, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Liza Johnson, Department of the Interior (DOI)
- 9:55 – 10:10** **U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee (AIC) Chair’s Report**
Fran Castro, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and AIC Chair
- 10:10 – 10:25** **BREAK**
- 10:25 – 10:45** **Highlights from the Pacific Regional Partnership Meeting**
Lelei Peau, American Samoa Department of Commerce
- 10:45 – 11:45** **Keynote Presentation: Coral Reef Resilience**
Dr. Steve Palumbi, Stanford University
- 11:45 – 12:00** **Award Presentations**
- 12:00 – 1:30** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 2:30** **Public Comment**
- 2:30 – 3:00** **Highlights from “Restarting the Economic Engine” Workshop**
Gene Brighthouse and Gerry Davis, NOAA
- 3:00 – 3:15** **BREAK**
- 3:15 – 3:45** **Highlights from the Climate Change Resilience Workshop**
Mike Hamnett and Bob Richmond, AIC Advisors and University of Hawaii
- 3:45 – 4:30** **Special Session: Regional Perspective on Climate Change**

- Pacific Islands Regional Climate Assessment (PIRCA) – *Deanna Spooner, Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- American Samoa Climate Change Framework and the Climate Change Mitigation Executive Order – *Lelei Peau, American Samoa Department of Commerce*
- Climate Change Toolkit for the Coral Triangle – *Beth Dieveney, NOAA*

4:30 – 5:00 Discussion

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8:00 – 8:15 Opening Session: Welcome & Review of Special Session outcomes
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8:15 – 8:35 Endangered Species Act – Coral Petition Update
Lance Smith and Lisa Croft, NOAA

8:35 – 10:00 Member Updates & Announcements (Open to all Members)

- *Hawaii – Chairman William Aila*
- *Florida – Deputy Secretary Munson*

10:00 – 10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 11:15 Special Session: USCRTF Watershed Partnership Initiative

- *Guanica Bay Program Review – Erin Hoffman, NFWF*
- *West Maui Status Update – Cindy Barger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*
- *Faga’alu Watershed - Fanuatele, Dr Toafa Vaiaga’e, AS-EPA*
 - *Community Engagement – Christianera Tutuile, ASEPA*
 - *Upland Watershed – Alex Messina, San Diego State University*
 - *Coral Reef Ecosystem – Bernardo Vargas-Angel, NOAA*
 - *Next Steps – Fatima Sauafea-Leau, NOAA*

11:15 – 11:30 Award Presentations

11:30 – 12:30 Resolution Proposals / Discussion & Decision

- *Watershed Partnership Initiative*
- *Climate Change*

12:30 – 1:30 Closing Ceremonies

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