

Steering Committee Update

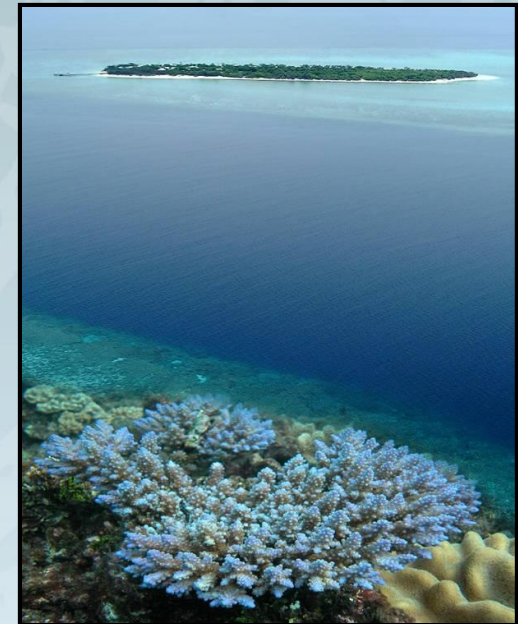
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coral reef ecosystems*



2015 Puerto Rico Meeting Follow-Up

- Resolution 34.1
- USCRTF Strategy development
- Watershed Strategy timeline
- Regular ESA discussions
- Regular Bleaching Report Updates



Watershed Partnership Working Group

- Work continues in 3 Priority Watersheds
- Development of performance metrics
- Further Refinement of graduation plan in Watershed Strategy

Watershed Partnership Working Group

- NEEDS:

- Designated Leadership of group
- Social science support for development of social and community engagement metrics
- Central place to host and analyze metrics data
- Posting of metrics products to website

Coral Reef Injury and Mitigation Working Group

- Handbook on Coral Impacts: Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Restoration
- 2nd Interagency/jurisdiction review of draft handbook complete
- Expected draft for adoption in Fall 2016, pending member reviews

Coral Reef Injury and Mitigation Working Group

- NEEDS:
 - Prepare agency and jurisdiction contacts for additional rounds of reviews
 - Check in with your General Counsel to keep document moving

Climate Change Working Group

- Corals and Climate Adaptation Planning (CCAP) Project
 - two stakeholder consultations on Adaptation Design Tool
- Monthly webinar series
- Beginning discussions on a 2017 Resolution
- Willingness of Working Group to partner with other Working Groups

Ocean Acidification Working Group

- Raise awareness and elevate the issue of OA impacts to coral reef ecosystems
- Inform USCRTF Strategy
- Include OA in Resolution 34.1
- Merging back with the Climate Change WG

Education and Outreach Working Group

- Membership – call for additional participation
- Fall meeting
- Improve CRTF presence on social media and web
- Sunia Internship

Education and Outreach Working Group

- NEEDS:
 - Designated leadership of group
 - Increased participation
 - Funding for Sunia Internship

Additional Actions

- Determine if there are actions that Federal agencies can take to encourage Governor or high-level jurisdiction representation
- Utilize the Steering Committee meetings to drum up participation in the Enforcement Task Team
- Develop federal transition briefing package and coordinate with the AIC onboarding package

Additional Actions

- Determine Fall 2016 meeting content and begin planning
- Support the International Coral Reef Symposium 2016

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