

39th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) Business Meeting
February 22, 2018 – Washington, D.C.
U.S. Department of the Interior – Main Auditorium

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Remarks
- U.S. Department of the Interior - Marshall Critchfield, Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
 - U.S. Department of Commerce - Dr. Russell Callender, Assistant Administrator, NOAA
- 9:15 – 9:30 Appointed Officials Remarks
- Representative from American Samoa (*Unconfirmed*)
- 9:30 – 9:45 USCRTF Member Introductions
- 9:45 - 10:00 International Coral Reef Initiative and International Year of the Reef Updates
- U.S. Department of State
- 10:00 – 10:15 Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization
- Congresswoman Bordallo
- 10:00 – 10:15 BREAK
- 10:15 – 10:50 U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee Chair's Report
- Jean-Pierre Oriol, U.S. Virgin Islands
 - Presentation: Hawaii's Coral Bleaching Recovery Plan
 - Bruce Anderson, Hawai'i Department of Aquatic Resources
- 10:50 – 11:15 USCRTF Steering Committee Update
- Liza Johnson, DOI
 - Jennifer Koss, NOAA
- 11:15 – 12:15 Panel: Natural Disaster Impacts to Coral Reefs
- Va'amua Henry Sesepasara, American Samoa
 - Leslie Henderson, U.S. Virgin Islands
 - Jim Ritterhoff, Force Blue Founder/Executive Director
 - Nicole LaRosa, FEMA
- 12:15 – 12:30 Depart for Executive Session (Principals and POCs only)
- 12:30 – 2:00 Executive Session

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- 2:00 – 2:30 Public Comment
- 2:45 – 3:30 Presentation: USCRTF Watershed Partnership Initiative Coordinators
- Terri Johnson, Watershed Working Group Chair, EPA
 - Guanica, Puerto Rico: Roberto Viqueira
 - West Maui, Hawai‘i: Tova Callender
 - Faga’alu, American Samoa: Fa'asalafa Diana Kitiona
- 3:30 – 4:30 Panel: Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
- Dr. Mike Beck, The Nature Conservancy
 - Narrissa Spies, University of Hawai‘i
 - Dr. Erinn Muller, Mote Marine Lab
 - Dr. Ruth Gates, Hawai‘i Institute of Marine Biology
- 4:30 – 4:40 Update on 40th USCRTF, American Samoa
- 4:40 – 4:55 Member Discussion, Decision Items, and Summary of Action Items
- 4:55 – 5:00 Closing Remarks