



U.S. CORAL REEF TASK FORCE MEETING

Ngarachamayong Cultural Center, Republic of Palau

Saturday, November 5, 2005

8:30-9:30 **OPENING SESSION: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Task Force Co-Chairs and Local Hosts

9:30-11:00 **CONSERVING CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS IN MICRONESIA:
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Marine Conservation in Palau: Lessons for the Region?**
Noah Idechong — *Palau National Congress* (25P/5Q)
- **Regional Marine Conservation: Traditional Elements in Modern Framework**
Willy Kostka — *Conservation Society of Pohnpei* (15P/5Q)
Charles Chieng — *Yap Community Action Program* (15P/5Q)
- **Live Reef Trade in the Pacific: Impacts, Issues, and Recommendations**
Being Yeeting — *Secretariat of the Pacific Community* (15P/5Q)
Andrew Smith — *The Nature Conservancy*

AWARD PRESENTATION

11:05-11:20 break

11:20-12:00 **REPORT FROM TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE**

- **Action Item Update**
U.S. Steering Committee Co-Chair (10P)
- **Report on *The State of Coral Reef Ecosystems of the U.S. and Freely Associated States***
Jenny Waddell — *NOAA* (10P/5Q)
- **Report on *Implementation of the Coral Reef Action Strategy: Report to Congress***
Roger Griffis — *NOAA* (10P/5Q)

12:00-1:00 lunch

1:00-1:15 **REPORT FROM THE ALL ISLANDS COMMITTEE**

Lelei Peau, *American Samoa* (10P/5Q)

1:15-2:55 **REPORT FROM STATE AND TERRITORY MEMBERS:
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHALLENGES, AND NEEDS**

- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- State of Hawaii
- Territory of American Samoa
- Territory of Guam
- Republic of Palau
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- State of Florida
- Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands



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3:00-3:15 break

3:15-4:30 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4:30-5:25 **REPORT FROM TASK FORCE FEDERAL AGENCY MEMBERS:
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHALLENGES, AND NEEDS**

AWARD PRESENTATION

5:30 **CLOSING REMARKS, ADJOURN**
Task Force Co-Chairs