



U.S. CORAL REEF TASK FORCE MEETING

Ngarachamayong Cultural Center, Republic of Palau

Monday, November 7, 2005

8:30-8:40 **WELCOME**
Task Force Co-Chairs and Local Hosts

8:40-9:30 **REPORT FROM STEERING COMMITTEE: HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACTIVITIES**

- **Grants Workshop in Puerto Rico and USVI**
Andrew Gude — *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (5P/5Q)*
- **Mapping in Palau**
Tim Batista — *NOAA (5P/5Q)*
- **Refuges Pacific Update**
Jim Maragos — *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (5P/5Q)*
- **Enforcement Workshops**
Karen Wardzinski — *Department of Justice (5P/5Q)*
- **Education and Outreach Workshops**
Alissa Barron — *NOAA (5P/5Q)*

AWARD PRESENTATION

9:35-11:05 **SPECIAL SESSION I: BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CORAL REEF CONSERVATION**

- **Building Financial Capacity: Sustainable Financing (10P/10Q)**
Gerald Miles — *The Nature Conservancy*
- **Building Human Capacity: Education, Training, and Building Partnerships**
 - **Marine Resources Pacific Consortium (MAREPAC)**
TBD (10P/5Q)
 - **Palau International Coral Reef Center**
TBD (10P/5Q)
 - **Coral Reef Sustainable Destination Model**
Brian Huse — *Coral Reef Alliance (10P/5Q)*
 - **Community Watershed Partnership**
Robin DeMeo — *Natural Resources Conservation Service (10P/5Q)*
 - **Freely Associated States Coral and Reef Fish Monitoring Training**
Steven Victor — *Palau International Coral Reef Center (10P/5Q)*

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11:10-11:20 break



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- 11:20-12:00 **BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CORAL REEF CONSERVATION**, *continued*
- **Building Technical Capacity: Responding to Major Damage Events**
 - *Cape Flattery* Vessel Grounding, Hawaii
TBD (10P)
 - **Vessel Grounding, Palau**
Portia Franz — *Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board* (10P)
 - *Kyowa Violet* Vessel Grounding and Oil Spill, Yap
Andy Tafileichig — *Yap Marine Resources Management Division* (10P)
 - **Sedimentation on Pila`a Reef, Kauai, Hawaii**
Peter Young — *Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources* (10P)
- 12:00-1:00 lunch
- 1:00-2:55 **SPECIAL SESSION II: MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORKS IN REEF ECOSYSTEMS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**
- **Managing for Reef Resilience**
Rod Salm — *The Nature Conservancy* (30P/10Q)
 - **Long-term Research in American Samoa on Adjustments of Corals to Climate Change**
Charles Birkeland — *USGS, University of Hawaii* (20P/5Q)
 - **Modeling for Management: Predicting Coral Heat-stress Patterns for Palau's Coral Reef Ecosystems**
William Skirving — *NOAA, Australia Institute of Marine Science* (20P/5Q)
 - **Spawning Aggregates of Reef Fishes: Myths, Methods, and MPAs**
Patrick Colin — *Coral Reef Research Foundation* (20P/5Q)
- 2:55-3:10 break
- 3:10-4:00 **MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORKS IN REEF ECOSYSTEMS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**, *continued*
- **Panel: Jurisdiction Efforts to Develop and Strengthen MPA Networks**
 - Guam (5P)
 - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (5P)
 - American Samoa (5P)
 - Pohnpei (5P)
 - Hawaii (5P)
 - Palau (5P)
 - Other (10P)
 - **Discussion** (10 min)



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- 4:00-4:30 **MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORKS IN REEF ECOSYSTEMS:
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**, *continued*
- **Panel: Tools and Opportunities to Develop and Strengthen MPAs**
 - **Pacific Island MPA Community**
TBD (15P)
 - **MPA - Federal Advisory Committee**
Lelei Peau — *American Samoa* (10P)

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- 4:35-5:30 **Business Meeting**
- 5:30 **Closing Remarks, Adjourn**
Task Force Co-Chairs