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**Limitation of Liability:** Funding for the program[s] listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations. NOAA issues this notice subject to the appropriations made available under the current continuing resolution, H.J. Res. 69, "Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes," Public Law 108-84, as amended by H.J. Res. 75, Public Law 108-104, H.J. Res. 76, Public Law 108-107, and H.J. Res. 79, Public Law 108-135. NOAA anticipates making awards for the programs listed in this notice provided that funding for the programs is continued beyond January 31, 2004, the expiration of the current continuing resolution. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

**The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements:** The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2002 (67 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

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**Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act:** Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. section 553(a)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. section 601 *et seq*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: January 23, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Announcement of U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and opportunity for public comment.

**Time and Date:** Session I—Outreach Workshop and Science Panels: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2004, EST; Session II—U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Business Meeting: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2004, EST.

**Place:** Main Auditorium, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce announces a public meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (CRTF) February 24-25, 2004, in Washington, DC.

Through the coordinated efforts of its members, including representatives of twelve federal agencies, the Governors of seven states and territories, and the leaders of the Freely Associated States, the Task Force has helped lead U.S. efforts to address the coral reef crisis and sustainably manage the nation's valuable coral reef ecosystems.

**Matters To Be Considered:** During the public meeting, the CRTF will report on the implementation of 3-year Local Action Strategies, discuss the status of

Task Force resolutions, update action items from the 10th CRTF meeting in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and Guam, and accept public comments. Once finalized, the agenda will be available from the contact below and will also be published on the Web at <http://coralreef.gov/>.

Individuals and organizations can register to attend the meeting at <http://coralreef.gov>. There is also an opportunity to register for both exhibit space and to provide public comments through the contacts below. Wherever possible, those with similar viewpoints or messages are encouraged to make joint statements. Public comments will be received on the afternoon of February 25, 2004. Written public statements may also be submitted to the Task Force prior to, during, or after the meeting. The deadline for submission of written public statements is March 10, 2004. Only written public comments will receive a response from the CRTF.

Travel information and meeting updates are posted on the Web at <http://coralreef.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Organizations and individuals wishing to register for public comments, submit written statements or to obtain additional information should contact the CRTF meeting office:

Shane Guan, Coral Reef Conservation Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Response and Restoration, N/ORR, 1305 East West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone (301) 713-2989 x118, Fax (301) 713-4389, E-mail: [Shane.Guan@noaa.gov](mailto:Shane.Guan@noaa.gov).

Exhibit space reservations can be made by contacting Miguel Lugo at the above address or at [Miguel.Lugo@noaa.gov](mailto:Miguel.Lugo@noaa.gov), (301) 713-2989 x102.

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