

**NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program  
Land-Based Sources of Pollution Threat Working Group  
November 17, 2008**

**Conference Call Summary**

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**Agenda**

1. Administrative Items
2. Share input, comments on draft strawman
3. Discussion

**Major Points of Discussion**

- NOAA CRCP has spent time and funding on research and monitoring and is now shifting to action driven work at the local level, this should be reflected in the Goals and Objectives
- Goals should build on one another; mainland and island experience and needs might be different so need to have a few overarching goals and then move to more in-depth and specific Goals
- Important to focus on pairing the watershed with the reef system – look at known reef systems and prioritize those reefs for action then look at the paired watershed for what actions are needed and can be done on land
- Acknowledge varying degrees of local capacity, which will be different from state and territory/commonwealth level. Building local capacity includes regulatory and programmatic infrastructure, enforcement, as well as working with local watershed groups, land-owners, and others to engage in the process.
- On the ground action – using existing or new watershed plans implement projects that will show real difference on the ground
- Leverage other Federal agency participation for the right programs, expertise, grant/funding programs to best use for certain projects and activities.
- Education is a critical component in both making things better and not defeating the actions taken
- Consider how best to integrate socio-economic information
- Applied Research – Coordinate an applied research agenda among academic partners, NRCS extension offices, and others
  - If we are able to identify priority reef/watershed systems could then determine what baseline and applied research already exists for that system and what information is needed

**Follow-up Action Items**

1. Provide any additional input/comments, updates to the compiled strawman.
2. From call discussion and additional input a first draft document will be developed.
3. Using this draft, begin to prioritize Goals that should be included and further developed.