

**U.S. Coral Reef Task Force
Kona, Hawaii
August 2008**

Business Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 27

- 7:30 – 8:15 Registration
- 8:15 – 8:30 Meet in lobby for opening protocol
- 8:30 - 9:00 Opening Protocol (Makai Lawn)
- 9:00 - 9:15 Move to Kahaluu I-IV for Welcome remarks by Co-Chairs
- 9:15-9:25 Welcome by Hawaii Delegate – *Laura Thielen*
- 9:25 – 9:30 USCRTF Member introductions
- 9:30 – 9:40 EPA Administrator Remarks – *Stephen L. Johnson*
- 9:40 – 9:50 Council on Environmental Quality Chairman – James Connaughton
- 9:50 – 10:35 USCRTF Governor Remarks
- *Togiola Tulafono, American Samoa*
 - *Felix Camacho, Guam*
 - *Benigno R. Fitial, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
 - *Sebastian Anefal, Yap Federated States of Micronesia*
- 10:35 – 10:45 Break**
- 10:45 – 12:15 **Special Session: The Future of Coral Reef Conservation –Key Threats
& Innovative Solutions**
- (~10-15 minute presentation each allowing for ~30 minute discussion)
- Land Based Sources of Pollution & Water Quality –
 - *Arlen Lancaster, Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Service*
 - *Wayne Nastri, Regional Administrator EPA Region 9*
 - Fishing – *Alan Friedlander, NOAA Biogeography Branch/The Oceanic Institute*
 - Climate Change & Alternative Energy – *Dennis Welch, Senior Vice President of Environment and Safety, American Electric Power*
 - Discussion (30-minutes)
- 12:15 – 12:30 USCRTF Decision Item: Framework for Action

(introduction and discussion, final discussion and decision Friday)

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| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Public Comment |
| 2:30 – 3:15 | Workshop Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridging Community and Government – <i>Jared Makaiau, Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council</i>• Traditional Knowledge – <i>Meghan Gombos and Mahina Duarte, NOAA</i>• Recreational Stewardship – <i>Emma Anders, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources</i>• Watershed Planning – <i>Kathy Chaston, NOAA</i>• Climate Change – <i>Mark Eakin, Climate Change Working Group co-chair, NOAA</i> |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | Break |
| 3:30 – 4:40 | Special Session: Hawaii’s Network of Marine Managed Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community based participation and process (10 minutes) <i>Sara Peck – University of Hawaii, WH Sea Grant Extension</i>• Monitoring and effectiveness of the sites, comparison to other sites in Hawaii (30 minutes)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>William Walsh – Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources</i>• <i>Ivor Williams – Hawaii DLNR, DAR/USGS Hawaii Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit</i>• <i>Alan Friedlander – NOAA Biogeography Branch/The Oceanic Institute</i>• New initiatives (10 minutes) <i>Russell Sparks – Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources</i>• Discussion (20 minutes) |
| 4:40 – 4:50 | Award Presentations |
| 4:50 – 5:00 | All Islands Committee Chair Update – <i>Vangie Lujan</i> |
| 5:00 – 5:10 | Guam Joint Military Build-up – <i>Brigadier General Rex C. McMillian, Deputy Commander of Mariana Forces Pacific</i> |
| 5:10 – 5:45 | USCRTF Member Announcements |
| 5:45 | Pau (Closing) |
| 6:00 | Reception |

Thursday, August 28

Field trips to various locations

Evening Public Event – Indigenous Stewardship and Conservation Initiatives across the Pacific

Friday, August 29

8:30 – 8:45 Opening Protocol

8:45 – 10:15 **Special Session: Sustainable Use of Watersheds and Aquifers for Kona’s Reefs**

- *Jim Juvik – University of Hawai’i, Hilo*
- *Eric Grossman – US Geological Survey, Pacific Science Center*
- *Sallie Beavers – National Park Service, Kaloko-Honokohau NHP*
- *Chris Yuen – Director of Planning, County of Hawai’i*

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:40 USCRTF Member and Partner Initiative Updates

- Rapid response to coral disease outbreak, Dry – *Matt Patterson, National Park Service* (10 minutes)
- International Coral Reef Symposium: Science to Management – *Richard Dodge, National Coral Reef Institute* (10 minutes)
- U.S. State of the Coral Reef Ecosystem Report – *Jenny Waddell, NOAA* (5 minutes)
- Two Samoa’s Initiative on Environmental Collaboration – *Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment* (10 minutes)
- Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium – *Healy Hamilton, California Academy of Sciences* (10 minutes)
- Micronesia Challenge – *Fran Castro, CNMI* (10 minutes)

11:40 – 12:10 Public Comment

12:10 – 12:20 **Award Presentations**

12:20 – 1:20 Lunch

- 1:20 – 1:50 International Year of the Reef Updates and Accomplishments
- International and Caribbean – *Karlyn Langahr, USVI Coral Management Fellow*
 - Pacific Year of the Reef – *Jeff Kinch, Secretariat of the Regional Environment Programme*
 - Highlights from Hawaii – *Emma Anders, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources*
- 1:50 – 2:20 Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Update – *Monument Co-Managers*
- *Athline Clark, State of Hawaii*
 - *Susan White, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - *Aulani Wilhelm, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*
- 2:20 – 2:30** Hold for Governor Anefal remarks
- 2:30 – 2:45** **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program “*Roadmap for the Future*”
Kacky Andrews – NOAA
- 3:15 – 4:15 USCRTF Priorities for Future Action: Discussion and Decision
- 4:15 – 4:45 Closing Remarks – Environmental Leadership – *James Connaughton, Chairman Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President*
- 4:45 – 5:15 USCRTF Member Closing Remarks