



U.S. CORAL REEF TASK FORCE

TOOLS FOR RESPONDING TO MAJOR INJURY EVENTS

ST. THOMAS, USVI

Tools for Responding to Major Injury Events in Coral Reef Ecosystems

USCRTF MEETING

USVI

OCTOBER 2006



Previous Activities

- 2000 Grounded Vessel Removal Resolution in American Samoa
- Led to two workshops and abandoned vessel inventory
- 2004 Miami Task Force meeting workshop



Palau Resolution

- Panel held on this topic during Palau Task Force Meeting
- Charged Steering Committee with developing a workshop in 2006
- Goal of workshop: lay groundwork to increase capacity to more effectively prevent and respond to these events



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- Manmade, planned/permitted





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- Natural





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Natural plus human...





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Cargo Threats





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- Fishing gear, in addition to vessel damage



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Drivers for the Workshop

- Injury events continue to occur
- A variety of tools are available for responding to a variety of injury events—still, gaps exist: science, regulatory, funding
- Capability to respond varies by jurisdiction
- We want to present to CRTF our ideas of how to move forward to increase response capacity—identify tools, expertise, training



Objectives

- Understand processes, science, and capacity for response
- Start on toolbox and list of experts
- Create prioritized list of actions and recommendations for CRTF



Agenda

- Presentations
- Working lunch – Cape Flattery video, one more presentation
- Working sessions



Next Steps

- One-page summary and 2 slides to CRTF tomorrow
- Commitment to working group
- Sign up if you haven't already; we will send out summary



Follow-up Questions?

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