

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program Climate Change Threat Based Working Group Update

Conference Call #4 7 January 2009 4:00-6:00pm (Eastern)

Brief Agenda:

1. Discussion on Performance Measures
2. Discussion of Goals 1 and 2
3. Workshop and Travel

Summary:

The Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) Climate Change working group had its fourth conference call on 7 January 2009. The group briefly discussed performance measure developed and defining outcomes, outputs, and targets so that the group was speaking a common language before moving forward with that task. The group then discussed in depth Goals 1 & 2. It was determined that there needed to be a course correction with regards to how the goals were written. Though much of the intent and information remained the same, the goals were rewritten to be more outcome-oriented and target influencing change in the coral reef resources. The group will tackle Goals 3 & 4 on a call at the end of January.

The working group also discussed the process for moving forward after all the goals and objectives have been solidified into a draft. At the beginning of February, a copy of the draft will be posted on the Threat Based Working Group website (link listed below). The United States Coral Reef Task Force Climate Change Working Group members and key international partners will be asked to provide their comments and perspectives. While invitation of comments will be targeted, we will welcome feedback from anyone in the community. The input will be taken into consideration during a two day workshop in early March where the working group will develop a draft that will go out for broader public comment at the end of March.

The final portion of the call was dedicated to discussing the workshop and travel logistics. We will have our next call on 28 January.

Action Items:

1. Travel arrangements (flight and hotel) should be made by 31 January 2009.
2. Review Goals 3 & 4 for discussion in late January.
3. Review newly written Goals 1 & 2 and provide edits/comments.
4. Examples of performance measures will be distributed to the group.

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