

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

Conference Call #5 28 January 2009 4:00-6:00pm (Eastern)

Brief Agenda:

1. Workshop and Travel
2. Discussion of Goals 3 and 4
3. Revisit Goals 1 and 2
4. Next steps

Summary:

The Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) Climate Change working group had its fifth conference call on 28 January 2009. The group briefly discussed travel arrangements for the upcoming workshop. They then delved into taking another look at the result of the last conference calls for Goals 1 and 2. After a brief discussion, the group felt that the re-writes of those Goals and Objectives worked and moved on to Goals 3 and 4. The same approach was taken in that the goals needed to be more outcome-oriented and target influencing change in the coral reef resources. Goal 3 focused on adaptation and mitigation, while Goal 4 focused on management. The group also determined that a glossary of key terms would be necessary to ensure the document communicated clearly. A draft skeleton of the goals and objectives will be made public on February 6, 2009 on the CRCP website and feedback at this point is welcome. Our next meeting will be the workshop in Silver Spring, MD March 2-3, 2009. The four goals currently read as follows;

Goal #1: Accurately predict the impact climate change will have on corals and coral reef ecosystems and the influence of management and mitigation actions.

Goal #2: Document change and identify causal relationships to reduce uncertainty in our evaluation of ecosystem change in relation to climate change and management actions.

Goal #3: Establish intervention and adaptation strategies that effectively mitigate the effects of climate change.

Goal #4: Increase coral reef resilience to climate and ocean chemistry change through effective management strategies.

Action Items:

1. Travel arrangements (flight and hotel) should be made by 31 January 2009.
2. Submit edits to draft goals and objectives by COB 4 February 2009.

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