

**NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
Land-Based Sources of Pollution Threat Working Group
January 12, 2009**

Conference Call Summary

Agenda

1. Administrative Items
2. Share input, comments on Draft Goals
3. Discussion

Major Points of Discussion

- For this threat, NOAA is in the role of facilitating partnerships to address LBSP; our Goals and Objectives should not be only particular to NOAA authorities, mandates, tools, and capacity.
- Combine pollutant loading goals into one goal and prioritize pollutants of concern by jurisdiction/watershed
- Develop tools to determine if/how pollutants are impacting/stressing corals
- Develop good landscape imagery of corals and watersheds that help see and manage trends over time
- Need clarification on the item to create a long-lasting “governance structure” what this means, how it would be implemented. Comment that local water steering committees are needed and when operating can serve as an effective means of communicating and collaborating on activities.
- Common and important theme is the need to identify watersheds that are in association with priority reef areas
- Additional goal added regarding: Improve permitting and policy for development activities in coastal watersheds adjacent to priority coral reef areas.
- Infrastructure on islands are key when addressing LBS
- Question about level of detail in our goals – we need to allow for flexibility
- Question about prioritization of action – overall, within jurisdiction, within watershed?
- Important to also focus on coastal areas that are being lost and the need to ensure that adequate attention and resources are identified for such activities
- Research needs – suggestion that an overall research needs list developed by all the threat based working groups to capture the cross-cutting research needs/questions.

Follow-up Action Items

1. Update draft distributed and comments provided before next call.
2. Compile list of known watershed plans, priority watersheds, existing tools and capabilities of Federal partners.