

**NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
Land-Based Sources of Pollution Threat Working Group
December 1, 2008**

Conference Call Summary

Agenda

1. Discuss Goals and Objectives document DRAFT 1
2. Review effective performance measures

Call Outcome: further discussion towards more resource / threat-based focused goals

Major Points of Discussion

- Goals should focus on the resource or reducing threats – Where do we want the resource to be in 20 years?
- Goals should be bound by geography – working in priority reef/watershed areas
- Specify what the criteria are for prioritizing a reef system. How are these choices made? What should management actions be based on these priority reefs?
- Regional/jurisdiction differences (priorities, needs, approaches) will be further developed in the implementation phase as we couple each jurisdictions management priorities with the threat-based working group goals and objectives.
- Keep a focus on the management actions needed in jurisdictions and what the various entities are already doing and can contribute as well as where gaps exist.
- Consider a broader context and promote linkages. For example coastal zone management issues, efforts, and plans
- Emerging research issues to consider in two different domains: terrestrial and marine and includes: modeling watersheds and receiving waters, remote sensing, research that bridges the land-sea interface.
- Engage partners who have not traditionally been a part of these discussions to work collaboratively toward effective solutions.
- Look at “coastal watershed impact area” – how far do the impacts from that watershed go, what are the overlapping effects?
- If focusing goals at the coral reef resource, goals could include:
 - Survival
 - Stabilization
 - Recruitment
 - Diversity
- Performance measures should be ecological outcomes not programmatic outputs

Follow-Up Action

1. Provide additional comments/edits on Draft 1.