

**NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
Land-Based Sources of Pollution Threat Working Group
December 15, 2008**

Conference Call Summary

Agenda

1. Discussion with NOAA Coral Program Manager regarding resource focused Goals and Objectives
2. Discuss and finalize draft Goals

Call Outcome: final draft of resource / threat-based focused goals

Major Points of Discussion

- Keep the goals focused on the threat of “land-based sources of pollution”. Do not mistake these with the bigger NOAA CRCP programmatic goals (coral health, recruitment, diversity, etc.) or with the objectives under the goals (tools and processes to accomplish the goals).
- Objectives could include – legislative needs, engineering tools, applied research agenda, education and outreach, etc.
- Goals should align with what is actually happening in the jurisdictions, what the managers and local partners are having to address (for example if pharmaceuticals in the water are a high priority, more than the other threats, consider including it)
- If Building Capacity, Political Will, and Education are identified by all three working groups – NOAA CRCP will consider how best to conduct the necessary activities to support this across the three threat areas.
- Question about issues that are not covered by the three threat areas (vessel damage, dredging, coastal development, etc) – NOAA is also conducting an assessment and prioritization of local management needs. These management needs will be coupled with the goals and objectives from the three threat working groups to help inform the NOAA CRCP funding decisions.
- Goals and Objectives should be broad to capture the overall need, but also specific to help focus partnership and leverage opportunities for how NOAA can work explicitly with other agencies and partners.
- Finalized four goals focused on reducing sediment, nutrients, and chemical pollutants, and coastal land enhancement/preservation.
- Short discussion on the final goal proposed – Prevent loss of natural, coastal areas; and the importance of matching marine protected areas with adjacent protected land areas

Follow-up Action

1. Develop an updated document with resource oriented Goals and draft objectives.
2. Begin compiling a list of known watershed plans, priority watersheds, existing tools and capabilities of partners.