



Coral Reef Conservation Initiatives Update for October 2006

Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

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Update on Initiatives in the Pacific

Apra Harbor, Guam:

- Collected and re-located various benthic invertebrates from area of maintenance dredging in the inner harbor entrance channel
- DoD-sponsored U. Guam coral transplantation effort underway
- Completed stony coral distribution survey of outer harbor turning basin and fairway

Farallon De Medinilla, CNMI:

- Completed 2006 annual marine resources survey

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii:

- Finalizing the report of 2005 survey of coral reef adjacent to DoD use areas



New Cooperative Initiatives

Florida DEP Tire Removal Project

- FL Department of Environmental Protection looking to restore failed artificial reef near Ft. Lauderdale
- Navy divers invited to participate in pilot project with FDEP, Broward County Environmental Protection Department and NOAA Marine Debris Program
- Pilot project would gather tires from key areas 65 to 75 feet below the surface to:
 - Assess feasibility of collection and disposal methods
 - Determine if a wider area can be restored



Tire Removal Project



Photos from Florida Sun-Sentinel / Joe Amon
Available on FDEP web site



Platform for an Artificial Reef

The Great “Carrier” Reef

- Navy sank retired aircraft carrier ex-ORISKANY on May 17, 2006
 - 24 miles off the coast of Pensacola
 - In 212 feet of water
- New artificial reef managed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



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USS
ORISKANY

