



NOAA Fisheries Service

Public Workshops: Information Gathering for *Acropora* spp. Conservation

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We need YOUR HELP if you:

- **CONDUCT** activities or programs that involve interaction with elkhorn and staghorn corals
- **PARTICIPATE** in activities or programs that involve interaction with elkhorn and staghorn corals
- Have information pertinent to **IDENTIFYING ACTIVITIES or PROGRAMS** that involve interaction with elkhorn and staghorn corals
- Have information pertinent to **IDENTIFYING** possible areas of **CRITICAL HABITAT**

Workshop Schedule

Date	Time	Location
Mon. May 8, 2006	6 – 8 pm	International Game Fish Association 300 Gulf Stream Way Dania Beach, FL
Tues. May 9, 2006	6 – 8 pm	Holiday Inn – Ramada – Marina Del Mar 99701 Overseas Hwy Key Largo, FL
Wed. May 10, 2006	6 – 8 pm	Marathon Government Center 2798 Overseas Hwy Mile Marker 50 Marathon, FL
Thurs. May 11, 2006	6 – 8 pm	Harvey Government Center 1200 Truman Avenue Key West, FL

AGENDA

Sign-In

Welcome/Overview (20 minutes)

Break-out Groups (1 hour, 10 minutes)

→ Fishing, Diving, & Recreational Uses

→ Research & Recovery

→ Coastal and Nearshore Construction and Related Activities

Summary and Wrap-Up (20 minutes)

**** If you are unable to attend a scheduled workshop, relevant information may be submitted via**

**MAIL: NMFS Southeast Regional Office
Protected Resources Division
263 13th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL
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**** Deadline to submit is Friday, June 2, 2006**

For more information, go to

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Date	Time	Location
Tues. May 23, 2006	5 – 7 pm	St. Croix Curriculum Center Virgin Islands Department of Education 2133 Hospital Street Christiansted, St. Croix
Wed. May 24, 2006	6 – 8 pm	Holiday Inn Windward Passage Veterans Drive Charlotte Amelie, St. Thomas
Thurs. May 25, 2006	3 – 5 pm	Jardín Botánico Barrio Venezuela (Intersection of Rte. 1 and Rte. 847) Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

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