

# U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Steering Committee Update

23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the  
U.S. Coral Reef Task Force  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
November 3, 2009

# This Morning

- All Islands Committee Update
- Monitoring Results No-Take Reserves
- Report out on Honolulu Declaration
- Report on Local Action Strategies & Jurisdiction Management Priorities

# This Afternoon

- Public Comment
- Workshop Reports
- Special Session- Caribbean Region Highlights
- Reception – All Invited

# Thursday

- Special Session- The USCRTF and Watersheds: Partnering Against Land- Based Sources of Pollution
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) Funds for Coral update
- NGO Partnership Funding Initiative

# Thursday continued

- Panel and discussion – COE/EPA Regulations on Loss of Ecosystem Function as applied to Coral Reefs
- Report on Decision Items
  - Staff Draft Response to Kona Declaration
  - All-Islands request for standards on stormwater runoff for road projects

# Implementation of the USCRTF Framework for Action

Focuses the Task Force on Four Priority Actions:

- Adopt and refine action plans that target priority stressors and threats
- Coordinate authority to reach goals
- Prioritize, fund, and implement necessary science
- Enhance communication, outreach, and education

## Resolution 22-1:

### To Improve Stormwater Management for Roads in Order to Protect Coral Reef Ecosystems

- Issue Statement: Runoff from roadways significantly contributes to land-based pollution adversely impacting coral reefs
- Decision Statement:
  - Establish a Working Group, temporarily led by the Secretariat, to review and recommend BMPs for during and post-construction roadway design
  - Provide interim briefing at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Task Force Meeting
  - Provide final report at the 24<sup>th</sup> Task Force Meeting, including recommendations to continue or terminate the working group

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Task Force Meeting

- Location: Washington, D.C.
- Tentatively scheduled for the week of February 22, 2010
- One-day business meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010