

# Steering Committee Update

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*Working to preserve and protect  
coral reef ecosystems*

# Steering Committee Action Items

- Compile agency programs / support applicable to FAS; Agency GC review of authorities in relation to FAS
- Request briefing to National Ocean Council body (ORM-IPC, OST-IPC)
- Engage with OSTP on strategic science efforts
- Utilize the NOP as an avenue to engage DOT

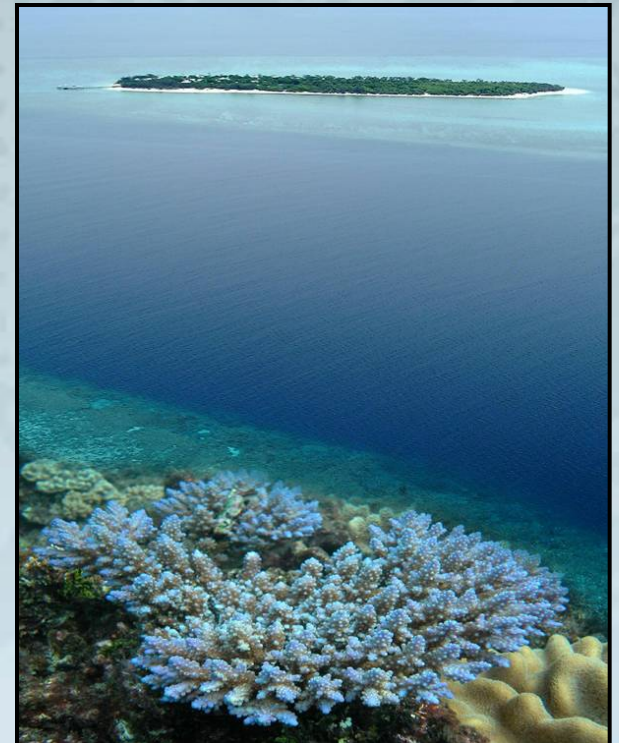
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- Examine potential USCRTF member Agency contributions to the 2 Samoa's Initiative and the Micronesian Challenge
- Promote sharing of technical knowledge and assistance related to climate change at the local level
- Hold a discussion between the AIC, NOAA and DOI regarding the future of the Sunia Scholarship
- Identify priorities for USCRTF contributions to Pacific watershed – Pa anapali, Maui



# Saipan Meeting Follow-Up

- Disaster Response – Stafford Act Review
- FAS USCRTF Membership
- DOT Engagement
- National Ocean Policy Engagement



## Charge to the SC:

1. Options and Opportunities for the USCRTF to contribute to the National Ocean Policy.
2. Proposal for more action-oriented meetings.
3. \*\*Identify more stream-lined and targeted activities.

***Vision for USCRTF action in 2011 and beyond:***

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- Be more strategic and targeted in our activities and hold more action/decision oriented meetings.

***Options and Opportunities for the USCRTF to contribute to the National Ocean Policy:***

1. Contribute distinct coral reef ecosystem related interagency activities to three NOP Priority Objectives (5, 6, and 7).
  - Resiliency and Adaptation to Climate Change and Ocean Acidification
  - Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration
  - Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land

***Options and Opportunities for the USCRTF to contribute to the National Ocean Policy:***

2. Proactively engage in the Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning process in the Pacific and Caribbean regions.



***Identify more stream-lined and targeted activities:***

1. Focus on ***places*** and ***issues*** that benefit from leveraging of multiple members' resources and expertise.
2. Enhance coordination of our member funded science.
3. Utilize various fora to advance coral reef conservation.

***Enhance our Business Operations:***

1. Focus on Decision Making
2. Engage Members
3. Report on Actions
4. Review Charter
5. Assess Progress



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