Steering Committee Update

September 15, 2010

Saipan, CNMI

*Working to preserve and protect
coral reef ecosystems*

Natural Disaster Recovery

- NOAA and DOI have continued to work to resolve issues with FEMA; currently at an impasse.

- Assistance from DOJ: Stafford Act legal review to assist American Samoa

Roadways Impacts

- Roadways Working Group – 30 members of USCRTF agencies represented.

  - Massive amounts of existing material compiled from many sources including National Research Council.

  - Much of this information was previously unavailable to decision-makers.

Roadways Working Group

- **Product:** Created Index to Best Management Practices (BMPs) posted on CRTF Website.

- Note: BMPs are site-specific; WG could not develop generic BMPs or ones for every location; BMP information now compiled - up to those making decisions to use it.
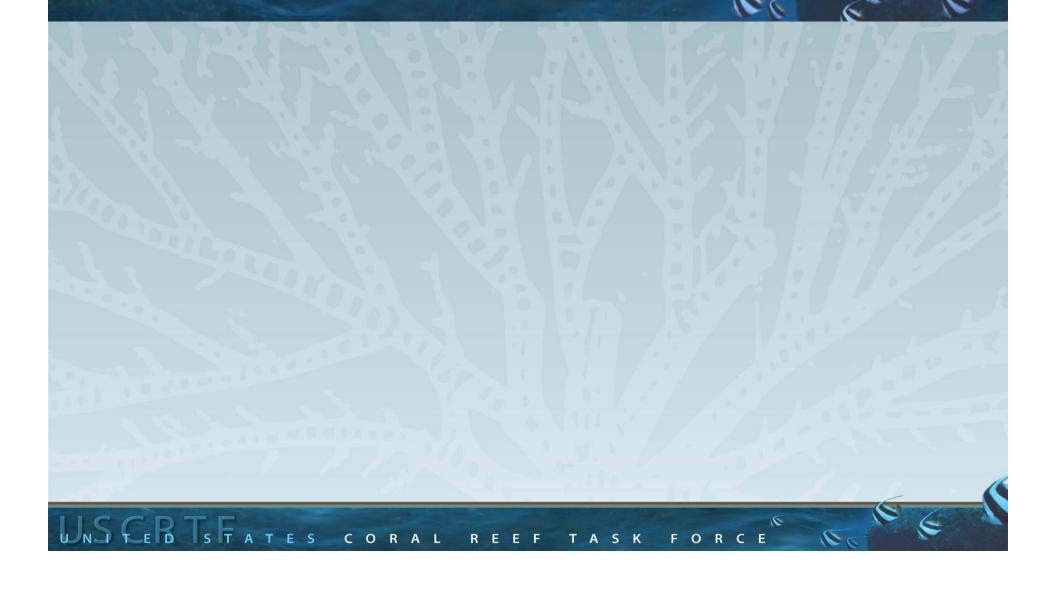
Freely Associated States

- What is the FAS involvement w/ USCRTF?
- FAS requested a formal response from the USCRTF:
  - Conservation funding
  - Formality of USCRTF Membership (voting)
  - Greater involvement in USCRTF activities
  - Consistent treatment by all Federal Agencies
- **Action:** Legal Review; DOJ lead w/ NOAA & DOI

National Ocean Policy & Council

Co-chairs request the USCRTF members consider issuing a Charge to the SC:

The TF charges the SC to identify options and opportunities for how the USCRTF will continue to be a leading intergovernmental body given the new National Ocean Policy.

National Ocean Policy & Council

SC will articulate a vision of how the USCRTF will integrate our unique roles and responsibilities to inform and guide the applicable policy priority areas of the National Ocean Policy.

Action: At the Winter 2011 Meeting, the SC will present options for the USCRTF to consider.