

*The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Federal Agency Watershed Forum
On Land-based Sources of Pollution
Dupont Ball Room Salon E
Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC
~ February 23, 2009 ~*

CALL IN NUMBER: 866-836-3293; PASSCODE: 459201
FTP Site: TBD/May forward documents via email

1:00 Welcome and Introductions **Beth Dieveney & Bill Millhouser, NOAA**

- Update on USCRTF and NOAA roadmap and LBSP workgroup efforts

1:10 Review of Agenda & Purpose of Meeting **Danielle Lucid, NOAA**

- Increase awareness of what/where/how/when each agency is working geographically and programmatically to address LBSP
- Agency updates on the Stimulus Package
- Review of Agenda: Presentations and matrix development - Identifying specific opportunities for collaboration, involvement, leverage and partnerships related to LBSP

1:20 Presentations on watershed management, protection, and restoration activities in the Caribbean & Pacific & discussion of specific watershed projects that highlight the need for interagency collaboration in the Caribbean and Pacific.

Overview – Why island watersheds are unique for watershed planning and protection - **Dave Hirschman**, Center for Watershed Protection

NOAA

- Watershed management and capacity building projects (2004 to 2008) in the Caribbean and Pacific - **Anne Kitchell**, Horsley Witten Group
- Highlights of specific watershed projects that identify specific areas for federal agency assistance and partnership
Guanica Bay, PR - **Paul Sturm**, Center for Watershed Protection
Hanalei Bay, Kauai, HI - **Kathy Chaston**, NOAA

FWS

- Activities and projects of the FWS - **Chris Darnell**, Coastal Programs, FWS

USDA

- Highlights of watershed projects and partnerships
National overview of watershed programs in USDA/NRCS - **Jan Surface**, NRCS;
Conservation Effects Assessment Program, (CEAP): update on NOAA/NRCS partnership in PR - **Howard Hankin**, NRCS

BREAK

USGS

- USGS Perspectives on coral reefs and watershed management, coastal and ocean science coordination partnership activities – **Gary Brewer**, USGS

EPA

- EPA programs and regulatory efforts for the Caribbean and Pacific - **Hazel Groman**, EPA

ACOE

- Activities and programs of the ACOE – **Joe Wilson**, ACOE

3:00 Matrix development **Danielle Lucid, NOAA & David Hirschman, CWP**

- Matrix 1: Tools (grants, programs, technical guidance, etc.) for watershed protection by federal agency
- Matrix 2: Geographic locations of interest, focus, or concern by federal agency

Questions to ask/brainstorm:

- What tools (programs, technical guidance, resources, grants, staffing, etc.) can be identified for collaboration, leverage or partnership? Assume that collectively we could make a difference. How can Federal agencies focus resources and coordinate technical, staff and funding on specifically identified priority issues or geographically identified priority areas?
- Where are we working and where do we overlap? Do we share priority areas? Where are the geographical areas where federal agency watershed collaboration, assistance, leverages and/or partnerships might prove fruitful or help in addressing gaps?
- How do we transfer island-specific solutions to other jurisdictions and/or territories where impacts to coral reefs exist?
- Who are the key players relative to the identified programs and tools and how do we coordinate/contact them?

4:00 Next steps and follow up

Kathy Chaston, NOAA

- Timing for NOAA Roadmap
- Smaller regional meetings to address specific projects
- Agency and or project specific next steps in terms of future initiatives

4:15 Adjourn

For more information: 301-563-1192/410-570-0400/Danielle.Lucid@noaa.gov