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Washington, D.C. 20240

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Washington, D.C. 20230

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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and Under Secretary of Commerce D. James Baker, we announce that the fifth meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force will be held on Saturday, August 5 through Monday, August 7, 2000 in Pago Pago, American Samoa. A number of important issues will be addressed at this meeting. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to review and discuss efforts to implement the *National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs* adopted by the Task Force at its March meeting in Washington, D.C.

Additional information on the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force is available on the Task Force web site <http://coralreef.gov/>. A summary of action items from the March meeting, a complete agenda for the August meeting, and specific logistical information pertaining to the August meeting will be posted on the web site shortly.

Please note that flights and accommodations may be limited at this location. If you plan to attend the fifth meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, please fill out the enclosed registration form and fax it to Matt Stout (301-713-0404) by June 30. Mr. Stout can also help you with questions about logistic matters (301-713-3145, ext-173 or matthew.stout@noaa.gov). There will be limited space available for exhibits or displays (please contact Nancy Daschbach, 684-633-7354 or nancy.daschbach@noaa.gov). If you have questions about other aspects of the meeting please contact Dr. Michael Crosby (202-791-1750; mcrosby@usaid.gov).

Sincerely,

/signed/ Steven Saunders
Steven Saunders
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish
And Wildlife and Parks
Department of the Interior

/signed/ Sally Yozell
Sally J. Yozell
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans
and Atmosphere
Department of Commerce

Encl. – Registration Form for August 2000 Task Force Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM
Fifth meeting of the US Coral Reef Task Force
August 5-7, 2000 Pago Pago, American Samoa

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name to appear on name tag: _____

FedEx Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of arrival in Pago Pago: _____

Date of departure from Pago Pago: _____

Fax completed registration form to Mr. Matt Stout (301-713-0404) by June 30, 2000