

**U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
October 2006**

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

- Noon – 1:00** **Registration**
- 1:00 – 1:30** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Kameran Onley, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DOI Task Force co-chair
Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, NOAA Task Force co-chair
Charles Wesley Turnbull, Governor, U.S. Virgin Islands (tentative)
- 1:30 – 2:45** **Steering Committee Update, Action Items, & Announcements**
- Update on current resolutions & action items (10 min) – *Roger Griffiths and Randy Bowman, Steering Committee Co-Chairs*
 - Steering Committee action on Coral Diseases (15 min) – *Dr. Cheryl Woodley, Coral Disease & Health Consortium*
 - International Report: International Tropical Marine Ecosystem Management Symposium, International Coral Reef Initiative (10 min) – *Christine Dawson, U.S. Department of State*
 - Enforcement Working Group Update (10 min) – *Karen Wardzinski, U.S. Department of Justice*
 - International Year of the Reef (10 min) – *Alissa Barron, NOAA*
 - Local Action Strategy: Status Report (10 min) – *Bill Millhouser, NOAA*
- 2:45 – 3:15** **Update and Next Steps: Endangered Species Listed *Acropora* corals**
Jennifer Moore, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office
Dana Williams, NOAA Fisheries Science Center
- 3:15 – 3:30** **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:00** **Responding to Coral Bleaching Events**
- Final 2005 Caribbean coral bleaching report (30 min) – *Jeff Miller, National Park Service; Caroline Rogers – U.S. Geological Survey*
 - Presentation: *A Reef Manager's Guide to Coral Bleaching* (40 min)
 - *Billy Causey – Superintendent, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*
 - *Andrew Skeat – Executive Director, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority*
 - Potential impacts of ocean acidification on coral reefs (15 min)
Mark Eakin, NOAA Coral Reef Watch
- 5:00 - 6:00** **Public comment**
Kameran Onley, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DOI Task Force chair
- 6:00** **Adjourn**

Friday, October 27, 2006

- 8:30 – 8:45** **Welcome**
Kameran Onley, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DOI Task Force co-chair
Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, NOAA Task Force co-chair
Donna Christian-Christensen, Delegate to Congress (tentative)
- 8:45 – 9:45** **Keynote Speaker: Jeremy Jackson** – *Professor of Oceanography, Scripps Institute of Oceanography*
Changing state of Caribbean coral reef ecosystems
- 9:45 – 10:00** **Break**
- 10:00 – 11:30** **State of Domestic U.S. Caribbean Coral Reef Ecosystems**
Moderated discussion of key issues/challenges facing domestic coral reef ecosystems and solutions and opportunities implemented and available through local and federal means.
Moderator – *Roy Watlington, Professor, University of the Virgin Islands & Sub-regional Coordinator for the Caribbean Regional Association for the International Ocean & Coastal Observing System*
U.S. Virgin Islands – *Paige Rothenberger, Department of Planning & Natural Resources*
Florida – *Chantal Collier, Department of Environmental Protection*
Puerto Rico – *Ernesto Diaz, Department Natural & Environmental Resources*
- 11:30 – 11:45** **U.S. Virgin Islands: Students Making a Difference**
- 11:45 – 12:00** **All Islands Committee Update**
Lelei Peau, Chair, All Islands Secretariat Co-Chair
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:15** **State of International Caribbean Coral Reef Ecosystems**
- case studies by:
 - *Maria Pena, Barbados*
 - *Paul Hoetjes, Netherlands Antilles Coral Reef Initiative*
 - *Dr. Spencer Thomas, Grenada*
 - *Micronesian Challenge Update – Trina Leberer, The Nature Conservancy*
 - *Pacific Islands MPA Community Update*
- 2:15 – 2:30** **Break**
- 2:30 – 4:30** **Coral Reef Task Force member updates/discussion**
Kameran Onley, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DOI Task Force co-chair
- 4:30 – 5:30** **Discussion and consideration of resolutions**
Kameran Onley, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DOI Task Force co-chair
- 5:30** **Adjourn**