

34th Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force
Fajardo, Puerto Rico
El Conquistador Hotel, Pablo Casals Ballroom
Thursday, October 29, 2015

Business Meeting Agenda

- 7:45-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-8:45 Host Welcome and Remarks
- *The Honorable Alejandro García Padilla, Governor of Puerto Rico*
- 8:45-8:55 Co-Chair Introductions and Remarks
- *U.S. Department of Commerce – Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service*
 - *U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) – Lori Faeth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs*
- 8:55-9:15 Governor’s Remarks, Discussion, and Q&A
- *Lieutenant Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga, American Samoa (tentative)*
 - *Lieutenant Governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (tentative)*
 - *Other Governors in attendance (TBD)*
- 9:15-9:30 U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) Member Introductions
- 9:30-9:45 Status of Puerto Rico’s Coral Reefs
- *Dr. Jorge (Reni) García, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez*
- 10:00-10:15 BREAK
- 10:15-10:45 Coral Nurseries and Restoration in Puerto Rico
- *Dr. Edwin Hernández, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras*
- 10:45-11:00 Watershed Approaches: Puerto Rico’s Trash Free Waters Strategy and San Juan Bay’s Climate Vulnerability Assessment
- *Cenilda Ramirez-Santana, Chemical Eng.,MS , Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership*
 - *Ricardo J. Colón-Rivera, Ph.D, San Juan Bay Estuary Program*
- 11:00-11:15 NASA and University of Puerto Rico interdisciplinary project results on the north shore (Manatí watershed)
- *Dr. Liane Guild and Dr. Juan Torres-Pérez, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)*
- 11:15-11:40 U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee (AIC) Chair’s Report

- *Fran Castro, Chair of the AIC and Coral Reef Point of Contact for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
- 11:40-12:00 USCRTF Steering Committee Report
 - *Liza Johnson, U.S. DOI*
 - *Shannon Simpson, NOAA*
- 12:00-2:00 LUNCH (Executive Session for USCRTF Members Concurrent)
- 2:00-3:00 Public Comment
- 3:00-3:20 2015 Governor Tauese P.F. Sunia Memorial Coral Reef Conservation Summer Internship Presentations
- 3:20-3:35 Break
- 3:35-3:50 Puerto Rico's NE Marine Corridor: An Integrative Management Approach
 - *Dr. Antares Ramos Álvarez, NOAA*
- 3:50-4:05 NE Marine Corridor and Culebra Habitat Focus Area Implementation Plan
 - *Tom Moore and Jennifer Koss, NOAA*
- 4:05-4:20 Climate Change Working Group Update and 2015/16 Bleaching Outlook
 - *Britt Parker, NOAA*
 - *Dr. Jordan West, EPA*
 - *Dr. Mark Eakin, NOAA*
- 4:20-4:45 Watershed Management
 - Guánica Priority Watershed Update
 - *Roberto Viqueira Rios, Guánica Coordinator – Protectores de Cuencas*
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Efforts in Puerto Rico
 - *Edwin Almodóvar, U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- 4:45-5:00 Adoption of Resolution 34.1: USCRTF Framework for FY16-FY20 Priority Action
Adoption of Watershed Partnership Strategy
Adoption of FY11-14 Accomplishments Report
- 5:00-5:15 Member Discussion and Summary of Action Items
- 5:15 Closing