

47th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Business Meeting
Thursday, October 26th, 2023
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

8:00 – 8:30 Business Meeting Registration

8:30 – 8:50 Welcome and Remarks

- U.S. Department of the Interior - Carmen Cantor, Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs
- U.S. Department of Commerce - Nicole R. LeBoeuf, NOAA National Ocean Service Assistant Administrator

8:50 – 9:15 Elected Officials Remarks

- Governor Albert Bryan Jr., U.S. Virgin Islands
- Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga, American Samoa

9:15 – 9:20 USCRTF Member Introductions

9:20 – 9:50 U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee Chair's Report

- Jean-Pierre Oriol, U.S. Virgin Islands, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

9:50 – 10:05 Biden-Harris Administration Ocean Policy Priorities

- Chair Brenda Mallory, White House Council on Environmental Quality

10:05 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:05 Coral Disease Panel

- Moderator: Caroline McLaughlin, Florida Sea Grant/NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
- Moderator: Dana Wusinich-Mendez, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
- Panelist: Jennifer Koss, Director, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
- Panelist: Jean-Pierre Oriol, U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- Panelist: Elizabeth Monaghan, State of Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources
- Panelist: Camille Hopkins, USGS Ecosystems Mission Area
- Panelist: Nick Rosenau, Environmental Protection Agency
- Panelist: Wade Lehmann, Environmental Protection Agency
- Panelist: Ryan Okano, Hawaii's Division of Aquatic Resources

- 11:05 – 11:20 **Resolution on National Action for Coral Disease Outbreak Prevention, Rescue, and Recovery**
- Caroline McLaughlin, Florida Sea Grant/NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
 - Dana Wusinich-Mendez, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
- 11:20 – 11:35 **Resolution on Coral Reefs as National Natural Infrastructure Resolution**
- Curt Storlazzi, U.S. Geological Survey
 - Janan Reilly, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 11:35 – 11:50 **Resolution on Amendment to Resolution 28.1: Watershed Partnership Initiative and Decision on Establishing the Salt River Bay Watershed Partnership Initiative Site on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands**
- Matthew Warham, U.S. Virgin Islands, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
- 11:50 – 12:00 **Transition to Executive Session** (Principals and POCs only) or **Lunch**
- 12:00 – 2:00 **Executive Session** (Principals and POCs only) or **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Public Comment**
- 2:30 – 2:45 **USCRTF Steering Committee Update**
- Jennifer Koss, NOAA
 - Liza Johnson, DOI
- 2:45 – 3:00 **International Update**
- Jennifer Koss, NOAA, International Coral Reef Initiative Secretariat co-chair
- 3:00 – 3:15 **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 **Coral Reef Watch Bleaching Update**
- Derek Manzello, NOAA
- 3:30 – 4:00 **Integrated Response/Bleaching Presentation**
- Joanna Walczak, Administrator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - Maria Vega-Rodriguez, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
 - Courtney Tierney, USVI Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- 4:00 – 4:15 **Announcements**

- 4:15 – 4:20 **Update on 48th USCRTF meeting in Washington, D.C.**
- 4:20 – 4:30 **Member Discussion, Summary of Action Items, and Voting on Decision Items**
- Jennifer Koss, NOAA
 - Liza Johnson, DOI
- 4:30 - 4:35 **Meeting Reflections**
- Gretchen Sierra-Zorita, Associate Director for Puerto Rico and the Territories, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- 4:35 – 4:45 **Closing Remarks**
- U.S. Department of the Interior
 - U.S. Department of Commerce
- 4:45 **Group Photo**