

47th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Joint Working Group Leads Meeting

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Moderated by Whitney Hoot and Dana Wusinich-Mendez

3:00 – 3:15 Brief updates on Working Group Priorities, Products, and Deliverables

3:15 – 3:30 Discussion of the [Climate Ready Workforce](#) Proposal

- Brian Beck and Joanna Walczak

3:30 – 3:45 Discussion on how the Communications WG can support other WGs

- Caroline Donovan and Madyson Miller

3:45 – 4:00 Opportunities for collaboration between working groups to improve efficiencies / Overlap across WGs

- Example: Coordination between disease and climate change WG on thermal stress preparedness and response
 - Dana Wusinich-Mendez, Caroline McLaughlin
- Example: Overlap between climate, watershed, disease, restoration and fisheries in the area of water quality
 - Gerry Davis

4:00 – 4:30 Open Discussion

- Review WGs that are no longer active - are they still needed?
- Are all current WGs serving an essential purpose?
- Could we benefit from WG restructuring?
- Mechanism for updating each other, leveraging opportunities, sharing how decisions are made, how tasks are created and completed, and communications methods that work best in your group
- Sharing successes in recruiting the right people to the table, including reaching into agencies and jurisdictional staffs that are not typically represented on the USCRTF
- Sharing successes in getting strong leaders and coordinators for working groups and sub-working groups
- Sharing what hasn't worked
- Term limits for WG chairs and co-chairs?