



U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

Tools for Responding to Major Injury Events

American Samoa, 2007

Injury Response Working Group

- Formed after USVI workshop, resolution
- 4 jurisdictions, 6 federal agencies are members
- Monthly conference calls since February
- Listserver, CRTF Web site



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Working Group Role

- Prioritize and coordinate accomplishment of resolution tasks
- Coordinate reporting progress to USCRTF
- Serve as “brain trust” of existing tools



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Where Do We Start?

- Narrowed focus: unplanned, unpermitted injury events
- Gathering information
 - existing tools and expertise
 - jurisdictions' challenges and needs
 - number, scale, and outcome of injury events



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Support Requested from CRTF

- Continued support of WG members' contributions of time
- Members from American Samoa, Guam, USVI, and FAS
- Ease of posting to USCRTF website
- Continued efforts to address capacity issues that may challenge effectiveness of training



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Next Steps

- Compile jurisdiction survey results
- Quantify number, impacts, and outcomes of injury events
- Identify resources to address highest-priority needs for training, technical assistance, awareness, infrastructure