

**U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
Puerto Rico
November 2009**

Steering Committee Meeting

- 8:30 – 8:45** **Check-in**
- 8:45-9:00** **Review of steering committee and business meeting agenda**
- 9:00-9:15** **Overview of resolutions**
- 9:15-9:45** **USCRTF meeting format discussion**
The meeting format discussion will address how many times we meet a year (ex. continue meeting twice a year, meeting three times every two years, etc)
- 9:45-10:00** **DC 2010 Meeting Discussion**
- 10:00-10:15** **Field trip discussion**
- 10:15-10:30** **USDA Conservation Effects Assessments Project-** Jose Castro, NRCS
- 10:30-10:45** **BREAK**
- 10:45-11:00** **CRCA reauthorization update-** Steven Thur, NOAA
- 11:00-11:20** **Mesophotic Corals-** Roy Armstrong, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
- 11:20-11:40** **The Human Component of the Coral Reef Ecosystem: A Framework for Sustainability-** Pat Bradley and Bill Fisher, EPA
- 11:40-11:55** **USCRTF Partnership Initiative and NGO Engagement-** Howard Hankin and Yahaira Lopez, USDA
- 11:55-12:45** **Review and discussion of advanced public comment**
- 12:45-12:55** **Working group updates**
- 12:55-1:00** **Closing**

Note: Working group meetings will be held from 3:00-4:30pm