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### U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Public Meeting and Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Office of Policy and International Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Department of the Interior, announce a public meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and a request for written comments. This meeting, the 36th biannual meeting of the task force, provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and territorial governments, and nongovernmental partners.

**DATES:** *Meeting Dates:* September 22nd and September 23rd, 2016. *Advance Public Comments:* Submit by September 9th, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings will be held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Coral Tree Ave, Garapan, Saipan 96950, CNMI on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and at the Hyatt Regency Guam, 1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, Guam, Micronesia, 96913 on September 23rd.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Fossani, DOI, U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-3530-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 (phone: 202-208-5004; fax: 202-208-4867; email: [cheryl\\_fossani@ios.doi.gov](mailto:cheryl_fossani@ios.doi.gov)); or visit the USCRTF website at [www.coralreef.gov](http://www.coralreef.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Established by Presidential Executive Order 13089 in 1998, the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force has a mission to lead, coordinate, and strengthen U.S. government actions to better preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems. The Departments of Commerce and the Interior co-chair the task force, whose members include leaders of 12 Federal agencies, 2 U.S. States, 5 U.S. territories, and 3 freely associated States. For more information about the meetings, draft agendas, and how to register, go to *www.coralreef.gov*. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the web site after the meeting.

### **Registration to Attend the Meeting**

Attendees can register online before the start of the meeting, or on site at the registration desk. Registration details will be announced on the task force website at *www.coralreef.gov*.

### **Public Comments**

Comments may address the meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues. Copies of comments given at the meeting can be submitted afterwards in writing to Cheryl Fossani by e-mail, fax, or mail (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) by September 9th, 2016.

## **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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