



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The 47th Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

AGENCY: The Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA and the Department of Interior (DOI) will hold the 47th meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). NOAA and DOI will be accepting oral and written comments.

DATES: NOAA and DOI will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) at the Westin Frenchman's Reef Hotel, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St Thomas 00802, U.S. Virgin Islands. Written comments must be received before 8 a.m. ET on October 25, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

Oral Comments: NOAA and DOI will accept oral comments at the meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

Email: Please direct written comments to Michael Lameier, NOAA, USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, via email at michael.lameier@noaa.gov. In the subject heading of your email, please include “Written comments for the 47th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting”.

The oral and written comments NOAA and DOI receive are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be

included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and Territorial governments, and non-governmental partners. Registration is requested to participate in the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public oral comment from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website within two months of occurrence. For more information about the meeting, registering for the meeting, and submitting public comments, visit <https://www.coralreef.gov>. During the oral comment period, commenters are encouraged to address the meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues.

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