



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### The 51<sup>st</sup> 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 the Interior (DOI) will hold the 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). NOAA and DOI will be accepting oral comments during the meeting; written comments may be submitted in advance using the information in the

**ADDRESSES** section.

**DATES:** NOAA and DOI will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 8:30 am to 5 pm Eastern Time (ET) at the Hilton Garden Inn, 886 Ashford Ave, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907. Advanced registration is required to attend; please register online at <http://www.drna.pr.gov/51uscrtfm-2025/51uscrtfm-2025-registration/>. Written comments must be received before 8 am ET on Friday, May 1, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

*Oral Comments:* NOAA and DOI will accept oral comments at the meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 1 pm to 1:30 pm ET.

*Written Comments:* Please submit written comments to Michael Lameier, NOAA, USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, via email at [michael.lameier@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.lameier@noaa.gov). In the subject heading of your email, please include “Written comments for the 51st U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting”.

*Instructions:* All 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 USCRTF or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. Commenters are encouraged to ensure comments address the USCRTF meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues. NOAA cannot accept anonymous comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Lameier, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, (808) 683-2213, [michael.lameier@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.lameier@noaa.gov), or Liza Johnson, DOI USCRTF Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, (202) 255-9843, [Liza\\_M\\_Johnson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Liza_M_Johnson@ios.doi.gov), or visit the USCRTF website at <http://www.coralreef.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USCRTF 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 1 pm to 1:30 pm ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website after the meeting. For more information about the meeting and to register, please visit <https://www.drna.pr.gov/51uscrtfm-2025/51uscrtfm-2025-registration/>.

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