

NOAA in the Caribbean Partners Meeting
May 9-11, 2016
InterAmerican Law School
170 Calle Federico Costas, San Juan, 00918, Puerto Rico

MONDAY MAY 9, 2016

- 8:30am – 9:00am **Registration**
Entrance to Inter American Law School
- 9:00am – 9:15am **Welcome and Instructions**
Auditorium
Bill O’Beirne, Chair NOAA Caribbean Steering Committee
- 9:15am – 12:00pm **Concurrent Training Sessions**
- Grants and Grant Writing Training**
Classroom 201
Stephanie Bennett, NOAA Office for Coastal Management
- Coastal Community Resilience Training**
Auditorium
Bonnie Canal and Allison Hardin, National Disaster Preparedness Training Center
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm **LUNCH** (Delivered; pay at registration)
Classrooms 201-202 or Courtyard
- 1:00pm – 4:30pm **Community Resilience Training (Continued)**
Auditorium
- Grants Training (Continued – Note this training ends at 3:45pm)**
Classroom 201
- 4:30pm **Adjourn**

Tuesday May 10, 2016

- 8:30am – 9:00am **Registration**
West Entrance to Inter American Law School (in front of Auditorium)
- 9:00am – 9:05am **Welcome and Host Presentation (*Auditorium*)**
Jeff Payne, Director NOAA Office For Coastal Management
- 9:05am – 9:35am **Welcome and Keynote Speech**
Carmen Guerrero, Secretary Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (Invited)
- 9:35am – 9:45am **Setting The Stage For The Meeting**
Bill O’Beirne, Chair NOAA in the Caribbean Steering Committee
Stephanie Bennett, NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management
- 9:45am – 10:00am **Background on NOAA in the Caribbean and Caribbean**
Bill O’Beirne, Chair NOAA in the Caribbean Steering Committee
- 10:00am – 10:15am **Are We Making Progress?: NOAA and Partner Efforts since 2012**
Bill O’Beirne, Chair NOAA in the Caribbean Steering Committee
- 10:15am – 10:30am **BREAK**
- 10:30am – 11:15am **Case Study #1: Hazards Preparedness, Response and Mitigation**
Introduction: *Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade, NOAA NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program*
- Panel #1: Beach Hazards**
Moderator: *Kurt Grove, Puerto Rico Sea Grant*
Panelists: *Miguel Canals, UPR Sea Grant and CariCOOS PI: Modelling For Estimating Nearshore Wave Characteristics*
Julio Morell, CariCOOS: Offshore Environmental Data Observation And Project Related Computing Capabilities.
Ernesto Rodriguez, NOAA NWS: Verification Wave Condition And Wave Hazard Announcement For Public
- Environmental Sensitivity Index Mapping**
Speaker: *Felix Lopez, USFWS Caribbean Field Office: Development, Uses and Status of Environmental Sensitivity Index Maps*

- 11:15am – 12:00pm **Panel #2 TsunamiReady Panel**
Moderator: *Ernesto Morales, PR and VI TsunamiReady Verification Board*
Panelists: *Victor Huerfano, PR Seismic Network: National Tsunami Hazard and Mitigation Program PR Component*
Carlos Rodriguez, Global Matrix Engineering PR and Dominican Republic: From Tsunami model output to Maps
Mona Barnes, VITEMA: TsunamiReady Experience: Its Successful Implementation.
Alejandro de la Campa, FEMA Caribbean Office: Continuing to Advance Tsunami Resilience
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH** (On your own at nearby restaurants)
- 1:30pm – 2:55pm **Case Study #2: Coral Conservation, Restoration and Monitoring**
Moderator: *Antares Ramos Alvarez, NOAA Office for Coastal Management*
Panelists: *Michelle Scharer, Reefscaping: National Coral Reef Monitoring Program (NCRMP) activities in Puerto Rico*
Leslie Henderson, USVI Department of Natural Resources: NCRMP activities in the USVI
Glenis Padilla, Protectores de cuencas: Watershed management planning and implementation within PR
Anita Nibbs, USVI Division of Coastal Zone Management: USVI watershed management
Michael Nemeth, NOAA Restoration Center: Habitat restoration in PR and USVI
- 2:55pm – 3:15pm **BREAK**
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm **Case Study #3: Placed Based Management - Habitat Focus Areas, Cays Conservation Action Team**
Moderator: *Marlon Hibbert, NOAA Office for Coastal Management*
Panelists: *Antares Ramos, NOAA Office for Coastal Management: NE Reserve and Culebra Habitat Focus Area efforts*
Brent Murry, Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative: Cays and Islands Conservation Action Team
Carlos Pacheco, US Fish and Wildlife, and Hector Ruiz, Reefscaping: Cays vulnerability, sea level rise, and habitat work
- 4:15pm – 4:30pm **Wrap up and Adjourn**
Bill O'Beirne NOAA Carib Steering Committee Chair
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm **Poster Session and Mixer**
Posters addressing the three strategy goals from NOAA and partners.
Colegio de Arquitectos y Arquitectos Paisajistas de Puerto Rico (Architecture Foundation Building) Calle del Parque 225

Wednesday May 11, 2016

- 8:30am – 8:45am **Registration**
- 8:45am – 9:00am **Welcome and Instructions for Day 3 (Auditorium)**
Bill O’Beirne and Stephanie Bennett
- 9:00 am – 10:15am **Concurrent Small Breakout Group Sessions:**
Part I: Identify and Brainstorm Activities for the Group Objective
Small Group facilitators
Ecosystem 1-3: Classroom 201
Ecosystem 4-6: Classroom 202
Hazards 1-4: Auditorium
- 10:15am – 10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:30am – 11:45am **Part 2: Prioritize Activities**
Small Group facilitators
Ecosystem 1-3: Classroom 201
Ecosystem 4-6: Classroom 202
Hazards 1-4: Auditorium
Using a set of uniform criteria, prioritize activities and identify one to two priority activities for each small breakout group, and fill out worksheets.
- 11:45am – 1:00pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm – 2:15pm **Part 3: Distill Priority Activities under each Goal Area**
Facilitators: TBD
Ecosystem 1-3: Classroom 201
Ecosystem 4-6: Classroom 202
Hazards 1-4: Auditorium
Using the same set of uniform criteria, Ecosystems Groups and Hazards Groups will reduce the total number of remaining priority activities in half then down to one to two top priority activities for that Goal and complete priority activity worksheets for the top one or two activities.
- 2:15pm – 2:45pm **Part 4: Develop Next Steps – Roadmap for Action on Priority Activities**
- 2:45pm – 3:00pm **BREAK**
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm **Part 5: All Groups Report Out on Priority Activities and Path Forward**
Volunteer from Ecosystem group to report out
Stephanie Bennett - Ecosystems
Adam Stein, NOAA Regional Coastal Resilience Program - Hazards
- 4:00pm – 4:30pm **Wrap Up and Adjourn**