



SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE



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Florida's Coral Reef Coordination Team: Overview of the Charter and Purpose

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Mission

- To regionally integrate and coordinate management and restoration-related activities to conserve and restore Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources to protect, sustain, and enhance the South Florida ecosystem's ecological and aesthetic character, function, and resilience.
- To be achieved in the context of ongoing anthropogenic disturbance through the implementation and completion of South Florida Ecosystem restoration projects, programs, and related activities.

Responsibilities

- To serve as the principal advisory body to the Working Group and Science Coordination Group for issues impacting Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources.
 - a) Provide an open and inclusive forum for interagency coral reef ecosystem management coordination and communication.
 - b) Identify and evaluate opportunities to facilitate, integrate, and enhance monitoring and data collection efforts across Florida's Coral Reef and adjacent coastal waters.
 - c) Enhance data accessibility to foster collaboration across agencies and improved decision-making.

Responsibilities, cont.

- d) Adopt and refine restoration goals specific to Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources consistent with the strategic goals of the Task Force and assess progress towards achieving those goals.
- e) Identify and coordinate capabilities across agencies for coral reef management and restoration-related activities to conserve and restore Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources.
- f) Review components of CERP for impacts to Florida's Coral Reef and offer recommendations to secure or enhance the delivery of project benefits to Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources.

Responsibilities, cont.

- g) Coordinate as necessary with coral-related Technical Advisory Committees, the Florida SCTL D Response leadership, the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative, and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) to avoid duplication of efforts.
- h) Inform the development of statutorily-mandated Task Force reporting products.

Responsibilities, cont.

- i) Message the importance of Everglades restoration as a critical element of protecting, sustaining, and enhancing Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources.

- j) Assist the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives (OERI) in the development and maintenance of informational and educational web content on Florida's Coral Reef and the activities of the Team.

Deliverables

- A **collaborative framework for water quality monitoring** along Florida's Coral Reef.
- Recommendations for **ecological indicators** and RECOVER performance measures specific to Florida's Coral Reef and associated resources to be considered by the Science Coordination Group.
- Any other items as requested by the Working Group or Science Coordination Group or as deemed necessary or beneficial by the Team.

Membership

- 10 Voting Members (Including the Chair)
- 10 Non-Voting Members (including the OERI Director)
- Chair: State member of the Working Group
- Vice-Chair: Federal member of the FCRCT

- **Note:** The listed subagency representation for federal and state agencies are **optional recommendations** for developing a well-rounded Team.

Alternates

- Designees may name an alternate in the event they are unable to attend a meeting, in full or in part, by notifying the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson prior to or during that meeting.
- Alternates in attendance are not proxies and may not vote on any matter before the group.

Vice Chair

- The voting members of the Team shall nominate and recommend one of its federal members with voting responsibilities to serve as Vice Chairperson subject to Working Group approval.

Administration

- A majority of the voting members then serving shall constitute a quorum provided that at least three federal and three state designees are present.
- The Team may create, reorganize, or dissolve subgroups of its members to study specified issues or work on tasks, and to report to the Team as a whole, subject to Working Group concurrence.
- The Team shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or of a majority of the voting members, but not less often than quarterly.

Questions?



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