



Memorandum

TO: CSO Meeting Attendees
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Re: Caribbean ROP

Enclosed in the Binder is the proposal prepared by Puerto Rico and the USVI in coordination with The Nature Conservancy and submitted to NOAA in December 2010. We have not received any news about this project yet.

In addition to the proposal, both governments are evaluating a draft MOU between the Governors of Puerto Rico and the USVI to establish the Caribbean Region Ocean Partnership. This document has not been signed. The document has been submitted to Puerto Rico's Department of State for further review. I am confident that both governments will be able to sign this or an improved version of the MOU. I will make that available to CSO members and ROP partners when it is completed.