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Dear George:

I am writing to request your attendance at the next Hawksbill Turtle Research Coordinators meeting, January 28, 1999, to be held at Kealia National Wildlife Refuge's meeting room. Current draft agenda items include:

- reports on 1998 research efforts.
- updates on other conservation actions in 1998.
- standardizing management and research techniques, with respect to nesting hawksbill turtles.

Your knowledge and over 25 years of field research on sea turtles will be invaluable in providing input at this meeting. Please let us know if you will be able to attend the meeting and we will send you an agenda when it is drafted. You may contact Fish and Wildlife Biologist Karen "Kitti" Jensen by telephone 808/541-3441.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Smith  
Pacific Islands Manager

cc: Dr. Michael Laurs, NMFS Laboratory