

Oceanographic Center Dean Honored for Work with Coral Reef Initiative



From left: Chantal Collier, FDEP Coral Reef Conservation program manager; NCRI researcher Dr. Brian Walker, NCRI researcher and SEFCRI Team Member, Dr. Dave Gilliam; NCRI Administrative Coordinator and SEFCRI Team Member Wendy Wood; and NCRI Executive Director and SEFCRI Team Member, Dr. Richard Dodge

The National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI), operated at NSU's Oceanographic Center, continues its close work with the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI), which is one of the LAS (Local Action Strategy) groups of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force.

The SEFCRI Team is comprised of four focus groups, each responsible for addressing one of the four focus areas of concern: Awareness and Appreciation; Fishing, Diving, and Other Uses; Land-Based Sources of Pollution and Water Quality; and Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction Impacts.

Many NCRI scientists and staff serve as team members of the SEFCRI working groups, including Land Based Sources of Pollution (LBSP), Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction Impacts (MICCI) and Awareness and Appreciation (AA) and were present at the SEFCRI Team Member Recognitions and Video Premier, which took place Thursday, Feb. 7. In addition to launching the SEFCRI public service announcements highlighting local coral reefs, one member of each team was acknowledged by team peers for his or her outstanding contributions. Richard Dodge, Ph.D., dean of NSU's Oceanographic Center and NCRI Executive Director, was honored for his work with the LBSP working group.
