The Brown Treesnake Working Group (BTS WG) has two meetings annually. A two to three day working meeting (30 participants or less) for agency representatives of the BTS WG is scheduled to occur in October or November each year. This meeting is intended to be a forum where representatives from BTS WG member agencies can discuss current issues early in the Federal fiscal year. Each BTS WG member agency is requested to limit attendance to primary staff who can represent member agencies from a decision making / policy perspective. This meeting is open to the public but the meeting format is intended to focus on a limited number of topics in detail.

The following agencies have participated in BTS WG meetings in the past.

a) Territory of Guam
b) Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
c) State of Hawai‘i - Dept. of Agriculture
d) State of Hawai‘i - Dept. of Land and Natural Resources
e) DOD - Air Forces Pest Management Board
f) DOD - Navy / Marines
g) DOD - Air Force
h) DOI - Office of Insular Affairs
i) DOI - USGS - Biological Resources Division
j) Federal Aviation Administration
k) USDA - APHIS - Wildlife Services Operations
l) USDA - APHIS - WS - National Wildlife Research Center
m) DOI - National Park Service
n) DOI - FWS - Ecological Services
o) DOI - FWS - Refuges
p) National Invasive Species Council

More information will be provided on specific meeting agenda items in subsequent correspondence related to this meeting.

The Guam National Wildlife Refuge has graciously offered meeting facilities. If you need directions to the refuge, information on lodging on Guam, or other information, please contact Karl Buermeyer (Karl_Buermeyer@fws.gov).

The general two to three day technical meeting (40 - 60 participants) is typically held each spring. The public and all individuals involved with brown treesnake control, interdiction, research, policy, and related issues
are invited to attend and participate in this meeting. The format of this meeting is 15 to 30 minute presentations that are organized thematically. This meeting will take place in Saipan, CNMI, April 15, 16 and 17, 2009. Venue and other details will be worked out later this year.

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