Getting there. Main points (I stopped the review at the end of the Results section, as there needs to be too much moved to invest much in the Discussion as of yet):

1) Good job cleaning up the Introduction - it is much smoother.

Thanks. I agree, much better.

2) Too many subsections - every paragraph doesn't need one.

Yes, many of those were just to help organize and show topics.

3) The Material and Methods section needs some organization. The Study Area section needs work - it bounces around too much and isn't in a logical order. Lay out the setting then discuss processes. Geography first - land (topography land cover) and sea (bathymetry and reef cover). Then discuss weather and runoff and circulation patterns. Keep the forcing short and sweet - no need to rehash the first two papers.

This section needs to be re-ordered. Describe the Study Area. General geology, topography, bathymetry, and benthic habitats. Then variations in atmospheric and oceanic forcing. Then watershed changes and sediment yields. Then Methods. Sediment yield. Sediment traps and pods, including sediment compositional analyses. Time-lapse cameras. Forcing data.

4)  As in the circulation paper, there is too much reference to specific sites that would lose the context for readers not knowledgeable about the location, e.g. - "accumulation at 3B and 2A was greater". Address the data by reef and bay regions, e.g. - "more quiescent northern reef (sites 7A and 12V), "more energetic southern reef flat (sites 4Q and 2X)", so that other people can place their site in your context.

Ok

5) There is too much interpretation in the Results section - just explain the data - not why the patterns are the way they are - that's interpretation that should be in the Discussion.

6)  I'm trying to bang this out quickly, as I will be gone for most of the month of May.....

Sounds good. I’m just hoping to get it into a form I can circulate to the committee and have the story straight (enough) for the dissertation defense. We can iterate over the details of the paper until the filing deadline on June 10, and more if necessary for the journal article this summer.