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To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

National Initiatives

National CZM Program Funding

On January 17, 2014, President Obama signed the FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriation Bill (H.R. 3547) which sets final FY 2014 appropriation levels and funds all federally funded agencies through September 30, 2014. The bill includes an appropriation for the National CZM Program at \$67 million, which is level funding from FY 2013 (including Sequestration). Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROPs) were not funded in the 2014 appropriation bill.

With level funding for the National CZM Program, it is expected that the Hawaii CZM Program will receive level funding guidance from NOAA for FY 2014. NOAA has informed the CZ Programs that the \$67 million appropriation for FY 2014 is better than expected, and the compromise of not funding ROPs was not a surprise due to strong opposition from the House Majority.

Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management / Coastal Services Center

NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, and Coastal Services Center, have merged into the Office for Coastal Management (Note: this is the new office's working name as formal approval has not been issued by the NOAA Administrator and Secretary of Commerce). Hawaii will be a part of the Pacific Region (with American Samoa, Guam, and CNMI), with other Regions being the West (Washington, Oregon, California), Northeast (including Great Lakes, Maine to Virginia), Southeast (North Carolina to Florida, including Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands), and the South (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida Panhandle, Gulf of Mexico).

With this merge comes new liaison assignments – Ben Reder is the new CZM Liaison for Hawaii in the Pacific Regional Center, and the new Pacific Team Leader at NOAA HQ is to be named.

Also, the Pacific Services Center, as well as all NOAA offices in Hawaii will begin moving to the Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center (IRC) on Ford Island starting in February 2014.

NOAA's Habitat Blueprint

No update on the Habitat Blueprint since the last MACZAC meeting.

Hawaii CZM Program

The following is a status summary of the Hawaii CZM Program and its initiatives as of end-of-year 2013.

- Fully staffed with 10 individuals
- 3 contractors (via RCUH) for two project areas (MACZAC Admin (1); Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP) Project (2))
- CZM Website continually being updated (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/>)

Federal Consistency / Special Management Area

- 85 Federal Consistency Reviews completed; 81 pre-consultations performed
- 8 Special Management Area Use Approvals processed (for Community Development Districts – Kakaako and Kalaeloa)
 - 7 Minor; 0 Use Approvals (Major); 1 Withdrawn;
- Routine Program Change completed February 6, 2013 to bring enforceable policies up to date (as of 2011)
- General Concurrence for Hawaiian Fishponds approved by NOAA on April 23, 2013
- CZM Staff contacts are: John Nakagawa (Federal Consistency) and Shichao Li (SMA and Program Changes)

Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)

- ORMP Updated June 2013; implementation underway with 2 Action Teams established (Appropriate Coastal Development/Coastal Hazards, and Coral Reef)
- Updated ORMP available on-line at (http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/ormp_update_reports/final_ormp_2013.pdf)
- Hawaii Ocean Partnership formed November 2013; completed deliverable of Sub-ROP project
- New organizational structure for ORMP coordinated working group implemented starting with January 9, 2014 meeting
- Public outreach for ORMP to begin formally in 2014
- Working with Office of Information Management & Technology to develop dashboard for ORMP (and CZM Program)
- Latest on the ORMP can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/ocean-resources-management-plan-ormp/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Community Stewardship Directory

- Updating directory first published in 2010
- Updated directory is proposed to be linked to GIS information and made available to the public as an on-line resource
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program (CNPCP)

- Three remaining Management Measures require approval by NOAA/EPA: (1) Roads/Bridges/Highways; (2) On-Site Disposal Systems (OSDS); and (3) BMP Monitoring
- Working with DOT, DOH, Counties (planning departments, public works departments) on completing the above Management Measures

- Information on the CNPCP can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-nonpoint-pollution-control-program/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access

- Initiated with a project advisory committee meeting held on November 1, 2013; MACZAC Chair Sue Sakai has graciously volunteered to sit on the advisory committee for the time being
- PBR Hawaii is the consultant for this project, and points of contact are Roy Takemoto, Catie Cullison, and Bethany Wylie.
- The project is in the research phase and is anticipated to develop recommendations for alternative funding mechanisms for shoreline public access in the coming months, and be completed by June 2014.
- CZM Staff contact is Nathalie Morison.

Cumulative and Secondary Impact: Stormwater Impact Assessment

- Phase III (final phase) of the Stormwater Impact Assessment project was completed in May 2013.
- Training sessions held in each county for governmental agency planners May through June 2013.
- Copies of Phase I, II, and III reports can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/cumulative-secondary-impact-csi-stormwater-impact-assessment/>)
- Training session material to be provided on-line in the future.
- CZM Staff contact is Debra Mendes

National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

- Site determination/nomination process is progressing with the selection of Heeia Estuary on the island of Oahu as the preferred site to be forwarded to Governor Abercrombie for nomination to NOAA
- Site Selection Committee held a meeting on August 27, 2013, during which presentations from the two site proposal teams (Hilo Bay and Heeia Estuary) were received, discussed, and scored.
- Public meeting was held on January 9, 2014 at King Intermediate School Dining Room (in the vicinity of the preferred site) to obtain community input on the site. Governor Abercrombie was in attendance for the entire meeting
- Initial public comments are due by February 9, 2014, and a second meeting will held on February 27, 2014 at King Intermediate School Dining Room, to present responses to initial public comments, and to receive additional public comments on the preferred site.
- CZM staff will be preparing the Site Selection Document which will serve as the Governor's nomination of the preferred site to NOAA
- Approval by NOAA of the Governor's nomination will move process into the third phase - development of a Management Plan, Boundary Delineation, and a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) document.
- Information on NERRS Site Selection Process can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/nerrs-site-proposal-process/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Coastal and Estuarine Lands Conservation Program (CELCP)

- Updated 2007 draft CELCP plan for Hawaii being finalized; projected to be submitted to NOAA for approval in first half of 2014.
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

- Currently in the process of reviewing proposals from consultants to develop a CMSP Analysis Tool (web and GIS-based tool).
- Project date of completion is late-September 2014.
- CZM Staff contact is Josh Hekekia

CZM Dashboard and ORMP Report Card

- Working with the Office of Information Management and Technology to create a CZM Dashboard and subsequently an on-line ORMP Report Card
- CZM Dashboard will display program's performance measures as reported to NOAA and will be a basis to add other OP divisions at a later date.
- CZM staff contacts are Debra Mendes and Justine Nihipali

Climate Change Adaptation

- One of the ORMP Management Priorities
- Current focus is on the implementation of Act 286 (2012) – Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guidelines made a part of the Hawaii State Plan (HRS § 226-109)
- Governor Abercrombie has been named to the President's Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation; OP, DLNR, and the State Sustainability Coordinator are providing support to Gov. Abercrombie
- Hawaii Resilience Forum is scheduled for February 18-19, 2014; convenes working group that worked on the Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guidelines in 2011 to assist in providing information to Governor Abercrombie on the questions being considered by the President's Task Force
- 2014 Legislature – a number of Climate Change bills have been introduced; particular focus on a Joint Majority Package Bill addressing climate change adaptation.
- Information on Climate Change Adaptation can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/adapting-to-climate-change-2/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Nathalie Morison

Coastal Hazards

- Continue with training of architects/engineers/planners on code requirements for specific coastal hazards (2013 was primarily wind; 2014 will be tsunami)
- Continue to partner with State and County Civil Defense Agencies; State Energy Office; private sector on coastal hazards, with tie-in to CZM efforts on climate change adaptation.
- Information on Coastal Hazards can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-hazards/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Ann Ogata-Deal

Other Initiatives

- CZM Program is involved in a number of external groups and activities
 - Oahu Greenprint
 - Coral Reef Initiative Working Group
 - Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 - Hokulea's World Wide Voyage (Castle Foundation)
 - Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) and HISC Resource Committee
 - NOAA – State DOA Aquaculture Working Group
 - State Natural Area Reserve System (NARS)
 - Aloha+ Challenge (Sustainability and Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative)
 - Coastal States Organization
 - National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
- Completed Report to the Legislature on establishing a Koreatown in Honolulu
- Currently reviewing draft management plan update for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
- Continue to review environmental assessments/environmental impact statements to ensure CZM objectives, policies, and initiatives are considered

2014 CZM Program Goals

- Complete Alternative Financing Mechanisms for Public Access project
- Complete update of Community Stewardship Directory; begin geospatial work
- Create SMA training videos and place on-line at CZM website
- Establish CZM Dashboard and ORMP Report Card
- Obtain approval of nominated Hawaii NERRS preferred site from NOAA; begin Phase III (Boundary Delineation, Management Plan, support of NEPA document)
- Complete CMSP Analysis Tool development and launch to public agencies
- Advance implementation of Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guideline
- Additional outreach for CZM Program as a whole
- Continue supportive participation in external groups and CZM related activities
- Prepare for FY15 CZM Section 309 Assessment and Strategy process (beginning in October 2014)