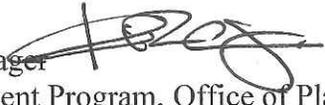


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To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

National Initiatives

Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management / Coastal Services Center

The Hawaii CZM Program is still awaiting formal approval of the merger of NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, and Coastal Services Center. In the interim, these two offices have been operating as an integrated office within the National Ocean Service and NOAA.

Also, the Pacific Services Center, as well as all NOAA offices in Hawaii has completed the move to the Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center (IRC) on Ford Island.

NOAA's Habitat Blueprint

Two Habitat Blueprint sites have been named for the Pacific Region – West Hawaii Island, and Manell-Geus, Guam. NOAA's Pacific Team consists of Gerry Davis (NMFS), Malia Chow (NMS), and Kristina Kekuewa (PSC). Initial outreach to the West Hawaii Island has begun, and will continue over the next several months. For more information, visit <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/habitatblueprint/pacificislands.html>.

Hawaii CZM Program

The following is a status summary of active Hawaii CZM Program activities.

Legislature 2014

- Two important bills related to CZM were tracked at the Legislature this session:
 - HB1714 HD1 SD2 CD1 – Relating to Climate Change
 - HB1716 - Relating to Invasive Species

Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)

- ORMP continues to be implemented via 2 Action Teams established (Appropriate Coastal Development/Coastal Hazards, and Coral Reef); Additional Action Teams being contemplated for establishment.

Community Stewardship Directory

- Updating of directory continues.
- Please contact Justine Nihipali if there are any community stewardship groups that could be added to the directory.

Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access

- The project is in the draft report phase, which will include recommendations for alternative funding mechanisms for shoreline public access.
- Presentation by consultants PBR Hawaii on the project will be made at today's meeting.

National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

- Site determination/nomination document has been forwarded to the Governor's Office for review and subsequent transmittal 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)/Hawaii Environmental Protection Act (HEPA) document.
- Information on NERRS Site Selection Process can be found on-line at <http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/nerrs-site-proposal-process/>

Coastal and Estuarine Lands Conservation Program (CELCP)

- Updated 2007 draft CELCP plan for Hawaii available for public comment at http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/initiative/celcp/docs/draft_celcp_4.14.pdf.

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

- Contract has been executed with consultants SSFM International, Inc. / BEI Hawaii / i2Consulting to develop a CMSP Analysis Tool (web and GIS-based tool).
- Project date of completion is late-September 2014.

Climate Change Adaptation

- Hawaii Resilience Fora held on February 18-19, 2014, and March 12, 2014; over 160 participants total; over 1,000 surveys submitted.
- Comments made at Fora assist in providing information to Governor Abercrombie on the questions being considered by the President's Climate Change Task Force.
- Information on Climate Change Adaptation can be found on-line at <http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/adapting-to-climate-change-2/>

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/>

Other Initiatives

- CZM Program continues its involvement in a number of external groups and activities
 - Oahu Greenprint
 - 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