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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 merger of NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, and Coastal Services Center is close to completion. The new name for the agency will be the Office for Coastal Management. The Pacific Services Center will be known as the Office for Coastal Management – Pacific Islands (OCM-PI).

Hawaii CZM Program

The following is a status summary of active Hawaii CZM Program activities in the past quarter of 2014.

Legislature 2014

- Two important bills related to CZM were passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Abercrombie:
 - HB1714 HD1 SD2 CD1 – Relating to Climate Change (Act 83)
 - HB1716 - Relating to Invasive Species (Act 102)

Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)

- ORMP continues to be implemented via 2 Action Teams - Appropriate Coastal Development/Coastal Hazards, and Coral Reef; Additional Action Teams for aquaculture (Ocean Economy) and Aquatic Invasive Species (Marine Resources) are being contemplated for establishment.
- Working on establishing baseline data to monitor the progress of ORMP implementation; including development of an on-line dashboard/report card.

Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access

- This project has been completed and the Final Report can be found at <http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/shoreline-public-access/>.

National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

- Site determination/nomination document has been submitted to NOAA in May 2014
- Approval by NOAA of the Governor's nomination pending; approval of nomination will move process into the next phase of the designation process - 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 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 January-February 2015.

Climate Change Adaptation

- HB1714 HD1 SD2 CD1 – Relating to Climate Change (Act 83) was signed by the Governor
- Provisions of Act 83 will be carried out by DLNR and OP: Formation of an interagency climate adaptation committee (DLNR), and development of a statewide climate adaptation plan (OP).

Coastal Hazards

- Continuing with training of architects/engineers/planners on code requirements for specific coastal hazards – tsunami hazards in 2014.
- 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.

Other Initiatives

- CZM Program continues its involvement in a number of external groups and activities:
 - 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
 - Aloha+ Challenge (Sustainability and Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative)
 - Coastal States Organization
 - National Estuarine Research Reserve Association