

# Coastal Zone Management Citizens Advisory Group

Wednesday, February 13, 2002  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Room 436, No. 1 Capitol District Building  
250 South Hotel Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Lawrence Aki, Donna Brown, James Coon, Arnold Lum, John Ray, Roland Sagum III, Susan Sakai, Kevin Seiter, Scott Sullivan, Ron Terry, Ph.D., Donald Thornburg

**CZM Staff:** David W. Blane, Christopher Chung, Teri Hee, Lea Kaiaokamalie, Susan Miller, John Nakagawa, Ann Ogata-Deal, Debra Tom, Deputy Attorney General John Chang

**Others Present:** Cheryl Anderson, UH, Social Science Research Institute; Joseph Beste, Ocean Energy Group; Jason Brodersen, Tetra Tech; Michael Cruickshank, MMTTC Association; June Harrigan, Department of Health/Environmental Planning Office; Norman Hayashi, Hawaii County Planning Department; Katie Hopper, U.S. Air Force; Travis Hylton, Oceanit; Charles M. Keaiaai, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; Stephen Kubota, Ahupua'a Action Alliance; Sam Lemmo, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources; Jonathan Levy; Chris Woolaway, U.H. Sea Grant; Leonard Young, Aquaculture Development Program

## DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS

- Meeting Agenda
- December 12, 2001 Meeting Minutes
- Proposed Mission Statement of the Coastal Zone Management Citizens Advisory Group
- Proposed Meeting Schedule of the Citizens Advisory Group
- Coastal Zone Management Citizens Advisory Group Directory
- Coastal Zone Management Staff Directory
- CZM Hawaii Brochure
- Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 205A, Act 169-House Bill No. 538, H.D.2, S.D.2
- Summary of Legislative Bills

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Chair Sakai called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. and introductions were made by each of the Citizens Advisory Group members and members of the audience.

## APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2001 MEETING MINUTES

James Coon moved to approve the minutes for the meeting date of December 12, 2001. The motion was seconded by John Ray and unanimously approved.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **Role of the Advisory Group**

Chair Sakai went over the proposed mission statement of the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Citizens Advisory Group (key words underlined) which was taken from the Hawaii Revised Statutes §205A-3.5 as follows:

“The public advisory body shall support the lead agency by providing advice regarding marine and coastal zone management planning, coordination and facilitation functions of the coastal zone management program.” It shall:

1. Evaluate the state CZM Program, including activity of the network agencies, and make recommendations for improvements;
2. Advocate for the program to the public and the executive and legislative branches of government; and
3. Advocate, provide for, and act upon citizen input.

The public advisory body shall work toward the implementation of an integrated and comprehensive management system for marine and coastal zone resources, consistent with the objectives and policies established in this chapter.”

After discussing the proposed mission statement, the following amendments were proposed:

Number three was amended to read:

3. Advocate for, act upon citizen input and foster public participation in the Coastal Zone Management process.

The following was added:

4. Facilitate and disseminate Coastal Zone Management information and knowledge to the public.

Donald Thornburg moved that the proposed mission statement be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by James Coon and unanimously approved.

Ron Terry stated and everyone agreed that the mission statement may be amended and updated as needed.

### **Short- & Long-Term Goals**

Chair Sakai provided a list of short- and long-term goals of the advisory group for discussion:

#### Short-Term Goals (2002)

- Ocean Summit (Priority)
- Establish a Legislative Committee
- Submit a Report to the Legislature - This report is not required by law. However, it is a yearly opportunity to keep legislators engaged with the advisory group's efforts. It was suggested that this year's report be done in a letter format that would convey the group's mission statement and short-term and long-term goals. The report should be prepared as soon as possible.
- Have representation in each working group

James Coon moved to add the following to the list of short-term goals:

- To promote sharing of information between working groups through the CZM staff
- To develop an organized approach to enhance public awareness of the advisory group's role

The motion was seconded by Arnold Lum and unanimously approved.

#### Long-Term Goals (Next Five Years)

Section 309 priority enhancement areas:

- Cumulative and secondary impacts: Water Quality Working Group
- Ocean resources: Ocean Summit and ORMP
- Coastal hazards: Coastal Erosion Working Group

### **Decision on Formal Group Name**

Members provided possible Citizens Advisory Group names. James Coon suggested the name "MACZAC" which is an acronym for "Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy or Advisory Council." Lawrence Aki shared several Hawaiian names such as "E Malama O Kahakai," loosely translated as "to care for ocean resources" and the name "Na Kahu Kahakai," loosely translated as "caretakers of ocean resources."

Arnold Lum moved to have the Citizen's Advisory Group's name be referred to as "Na Kahu Kahakai" along with the acronym "MACZAC - Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council" subject to having Christopher Chung check the grammatical accuracy of the Hawaiian name with Kumu John Kaimikaua. Scott Sullivan seconded the motion. Concerns were raised with respect to using the Hawaiian name, the acronym, as well as being referred to as the advisory group as stated in the statute. After further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Regular Meeting Schedule**

Tentative meeting dates for future meetings will be as follows:

April 24, 2002 - Oahu  
June 12, 2002 - Maui  
August 21, 2002 - Oahu  
October 23, 2002 - Kona  
December 11, 2002 - Oahu

The advisory group discussed the possibility of site visits on meeting dates scheduled for Maui and Kona. However, given time constraints site visits may not be possible. In order to accommodate the schedules of the outer island members, future meetings will be begin at 11:00 a.m.

### **Establishment of Working Groups**

Deputy Attorney General John Chang explained meeting options when considering working groups and committees. Two alternatives Mr. Chang suggested were (1) having standing committees or subcommittees which would be subject to quorum and the sunshine law; or (2) having informal CZM Hawaii working groups in which two advisory group members (can be assigned without subjection to the sunshine law and quorum requirements. However, if the meetings with two assigned members are sunshined by CZM, the committee member may report back to the entire advisory group at their regular meeting and action may be taken. Discussion followed with respect to the available options the advisory group may take.

James Coon moved to authorize members of this advisory group to attend the OP/CZM working groups as delegates and that certain members (no more than two members) would be assigned to each group and report back to the group as a whole at the advisory group meeting for information and action. The motion was seconded by Arnold Lum and unanimously approved.

It was clarified that the subcommittees are now referred to as working groups, to be informally hosted by the CZM Hawaii program.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Steve Kubota reported on marine bioremediation and the coordination efforts needed to manage polluted runoff with respect to the Ala Wai Canal.

John Nakagawa reported on behalf of a resident of Molokai who telephoned the CZM office regarding the need to extend the SMA for the entire island of Molokai. As CZM staff are receiving more calls of this nature, discussion was held as to how these kinds of issues and situations should be handled. One suggestion was to have the issues addressed through the working groups. Another suggestion was presenting the issues through the public forum.

The need for adoption of a protocol for addressing concerns and issues from private citizens was also discussed.

Until a protocol is formally adopted, members were encouraged to submit items for consideration as an agenda item to CZM staff, Lea Kaiaokamalie.

### **CZM HAWAII PROGRAM REPORT**

Chris Chung provided an update of priority projects for Section 309. He reported on CZM's initiatives to address cumulative and secondary impacts through the formation of an ahupua`a strategy in Waianae through a community driven process. Everyone was invited to attend a presentation entitled, "A Mau A Mau" (Forever & Ever) focusing on traditional land and resources management protocols, by Kumu John Kaimikaua on Thursday, February 21, 2002, 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell Center in Kapolei (across the police station).

CZM is awaiting approval of a \$100,000 grant for hazard mitigation workshops to be held in August and is also working on providing \$45,500 to Kauai County for their mitigation plan.

Outreach and educational materials that the program has developed include: (1) a natural hazards preparedness wheel, and (2) a ruler entitled "measures to take for Natural Hazards in Hawaii."

Mr. Chung summarized the following CZM legislative bills that are being testified on and monitored:

- HB 1816 - Relating to Coastal Zone Management (Amends the coastal zone management law to require applicants for shoreline certification to mail copies of applications for certification, including proposed maps and photographs, to the county planning department and neighboring property owners.)
- HB 2185 - Relating to Coastal Zone Management (Establishes the shoreline setback line inland at a distance equal to 50 time the annual erosion rate or as established by the county, whichever is greater.)
- HB 2209 - Relating to Environmental Impact Statements (Requires an environmental assessment for actions that propose any wastewater facility, waste-to-energy facility, landfill, oil refinery, or power generating facility with development costs greater than \$1,000,000; and for any development within the SMA that requires a special management area use permit.)
- HB 2208 - Relating to Environmental Compliance (Establishes the commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance program on the discharge of effluents.)

Mr. Chung reported on the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, a newly created national commission, which will focus on coastal issues. The commission is planning to be in Hawaii on May 13, and 14, 2002, and the Governor has offered the State's support in their efforts.

Susan Miller reported that one of the polluted runoff control activities that CZM and DOH are required to undertake is to develop a revised five-year Implementation Plan for the period July 2003 to June 2008. It is anticipated that July through December of 2002 will be spent in conversations large and small across the state to gather input for an Implementation Plan that is based not just on the need to implement management measures, but to respond to Hawaii's polluted runoff problems. During the first six months of 2003, input received will be put into a draft implementation plan that will be distributed to all who participated in the input process and will be discussed in public meetings across the state, and then the new five-year Plan for submission to EPA and NOAA will be finalized.

## **2002 LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY**

### **Establishment of a Legislative Committee**

Ron Terry moved to have Chair Sakai and Arnold Lum represent the advisory group with respect to legislative matters. The motion was seconded by Roland Sagum and unanimously approved.

CZM staff will keep the advisory group legislative committee updated on any bills that need to be addressed.

## **WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

### **Water Quality**

June Harrigan from the Department of Health's Environmental Planning Office stressed the need for working group members and discussed a list of priority topics. She reported that the proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rule, Chapter 11-54, relating to Water Quality Standards is being prepared to submit to the Governor for approval to hold public hearings.

Anyone interested in forming a new water quality working group (topics for discussion such as marine bio remediation, water quality standards issue, etc.) should contact either Ms. Harrigan or the CZM contact, Susan Miller. A meeting structure can be then set up so that recommendations can be brought back to the advisory group.

Chair Sakai and Ron Terry will be the delegates for the Water Quality working group, with Roland Sagum as the alternate.

### **Coastal Erosion**

Debbie Tom provided an update with respect to the Coastal Erosion meeting on the following projects:

- State Programmatic General Permit
- Historic Shoreline Variability Project
- Federal Shoreline Protection Projects.
- Legislation - accreted land and shoreline certification amendments

County updates were provided as follows:

- Hawaii County Planning Department is still working on their Coastal Resources Inventory and is also updating their public access database.
- Maui County Planning Department is working on shoreline rule changes and is working on updating the shoreline access database.
- Kauai County Planning Department is in the process of revising their Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Variance rules, mainly to bring the rules up-to-date with current State rules.

Ms. Tom also reported on public forum issues relating to the Kanai A Nalu beach restoration project and the Mauna Lahilahi Beach nourishment project.

Chair Sakai announced that all working group meeting notices will be sent out to all advisory group members.

### **Ocean Resources Management Plan Implementation**

James Coon provided an update regarding the Ocean Summit. The date for the Ocean Summit has been changed to May 21-23, 2003. There will be three basic themes for the summit: (1) Ocean Industry Issues, (2) Resource and Ecosystem Emphasis, and (3) Research and Education. A preliminary agenda for the Ocean Summit was distributed to the advisory group members.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Steve Kubota announced that the Mayor has a vision team that has been issued \$100,000 for the stream restoration project in Kaneohe. The vision team is currently working on a master plan for the stream restoration.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting, which will be held on Oahu, is scheduled on for Wednesday, April 24, 2002, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.