

**Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)
Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai**

April 26, 2010
9:30 am – 2:45 pm
Hawaii Office of Planning, Conference Room
235 South Beretania Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

- Members Present: Donna Brown, James Coon, Michael Gleason, Makaala Kaaumoana, Henry Lau, Rhoda Makanani Libre, Walter Ritte, Susan Sakai, Kanoa Withington, Donna Wong
- Members Absent: Robin Kaye
- OP/CZM Staff Present: Susan Feeney, Melissa Iwamoto, Mary Lou Kobayashi, Marnie Meyer, Shichao Li
- Others Present: Anthony Ching (HCDA), Scott Derrickson (LUC), Charles Kaaiai (WPRFMC), Kanekoa Kukea-Shultz (TNC), Jessica Stabile (OP/CZM-MACZAC), Marti Townsend (Kahea)

DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL

- Meeting Agenda for April 26, 2010
- Minutes from February 24, 2010 Meeting [draft]
- MACZAC Letter to Pardee Erdman, Ulupalakua Ranch (2/25/10)
- MACZAC Letter to University of Hawaii Board of Regents (3/24/10)
- MACZAC Letter to Abbey S. Mayer, Office of Planning (4/6/10)
- Stephen Prokop, Kalaupapa National Historical Park, Response Letter to MACZAC (3/1/10)
- Hawaii CZM Program Summary Report to MACZAC for the April 26, 2010 Meeting
- “MACZAC Weighs in on Zappacosta Case” (Molokai Dispatch, 3/24/10)
- “Working to Protect Hawaii’s Ocean Future” (The Maui News, 3/30/10)
- “Study Results: Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan” (Ocean Tourism Coalition, March 2010)
- “\$130,000 to Aid in Coral Protection” (Honolulu Star-Bulletin, 3/18/10)
- “Complete Collapse of Coral Inevitable?” (MSNBC News, 3/25/10)
- “Hawaii Signs NASA Pact” (Honolulu Advertiser, 4/14/10)
- “Are Fish Farms Polluting the Sea?” (MidWeek, 4/21/10)

- “We Can’t Wish Away Climate Change” (New York Times, 2/27/10)
- “Spin, Science and Climate Change” (The Economist, 3/20/10)
- DLNR Letter to Representative Oshiro, House Committee on Finance (4/9/10)
- “Group Plans to Restore Heeia Wetlands with Fishponds, Taro” (Honolulu Advertiser, 12/29/09)
- “Poepoe Wins 2010 Hookahiko Award for Work to Preserve Hawaii Ocean Resources” (The Maui News, 4/25/10)
- Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative (10/09)
- HB1808 CD1 “Relating to Coastal Areas”

Call to Order

Chair Donna Brown called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of the February 24, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MACZAC member Henry Lau had two minor edits to the February 24, 2010 meeting minutes. On page 3, the sentence reading “MACZAC member Henry Lau reminded the other members that MACZAC’s role is to be an advocate for the public as well as an advocate for OP/CZM, and thus they should concentrate their energies on problem resolution,” should end with the added final phrase “rather than castigate the OP Director.” On page 5, the sentence reading “MACZAC members discussed what role they could play in helping to convene the Climate Change Task Force” should have eliminated the final phrase “since OP won’t.” Minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program Report & Legislative Update

Mary Lou Kobayashi, OP’s Planning Program Administrator, gave an update on the Hawaii CZM Program. The update was provided orally and was accompanied by a summary handout. See attached.

Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) & Community-Based Resource Management

ORMP Update

Marnie Meyer, Hawaii CZM Planner, gave an update on the ORMP. The ORMP Working Group’s most recent meeting was held on March 25, and MACZAC members Jim Coon and Donna Brown both attended, along with MACZAC assistant Jessica Stabile. A key theme of the ORMP Working Group meeting was climate change. Guest presenter Jeff Burgett gave a briefing on the Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC), a project currently housed under the Hawaii Conservation Alliance and funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior. In addition, UH law professor Maxine Burkett of the Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy (ICAP) led a group discussion on the next steps for the document “A Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in Hawaii,” a collaborative effort jointly produced by the ORMP Working Group and ICAP in 2009 which was officially endorsed by the ORMP Policy Group at its February 3 meeting. The implementation of the framework will involve the development of a long-term vision and proceeding with risk and vulnerability assessments, necessitating collaboration with additional partners statewide. OP Director Abbey Mayer intends to send a letter to the

ORMP Policy Group agencies and other potential partners to determine their interest in participating in the collaborative efforts. Moreover, Maxine Burkett discussed the status of ICAP's work to draft the ORMP Working Group's suggested executive order directive to try to get Hawaii to move on climate change adaptation once the State's new administration is in place in 2011. The critical aspect that is missing is approval for a unified plan to work on climate adaptation in Hawaii from the executive level so hopefully the executive order directive can help in that regard as has already occurred in other states across the U.S. MACZAC Chair Donna Brown noted that the ORMP Working Group was looking to MACZAC for assistance with public outreach on climate change. MACZAC Vice-Chair Jim Coon, who also serves on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, noted that the Sanctuary is intending to use the ORMP as a foundation for their own management plan review process.

Marnie Meyer also discussed the fact that the ORMP is a living document that is meant to be updated every 5 years. That means that it is due to be updated in 2011. Some items that have already been decided need to be added include climate change issues and management actions. Additional items to add will be determined in the coming months. The ORMP Policy Group intends to have a facilitated retreat meeting in July to start to set the stage for the planning of the ORMP update. MACZAC member Walter Ritte suggested that the ORMP update focus on the ahupuaa model of place-based management and also include an implementation strategy because incorporation of the ahupuaa model is the main improvement of the ORMP over previous versions. MACZAC member Sue Sakai mentioned that it was the then OP Director Laura Thielen who championed using the ahupuaa model when the ORMP version was revamped 4 years ago after many rounds of public meetings statewide. Walter also asked about the related progress of the Aha Kiole process and the Aha Moku Council that likewise feature the ahupuaa model. Charles Kaaiai from WPRFMC responded that the State never released their funding.

Community-Based Resource Management Update

Melissa Iwamoto, Hawaii CZM Planner, gave an update about the climate change presentation created by former Hawaii CZM Program Manager Douglas Tom ("Using CZM and the ORMP as a Foundation for Adapting to Climate Change in the Islands"), which was recently made into a CD video. Melissa asked for MACZAC's help with the CD's distribution and in compiling a list of recipients to mail the CD to. The list should be provided to Melissa by June 1. MACZAC also agreed to write a cover letter introducing the presentation to accompany the CD in its mailer envelope. MACZAC Chair Donna Brown and MACZAC assistant Jessica Stabile will coordinate with Melissa on drafting the cover letter.

Public Comment

Marti Townsend from Kahea, broached the controversial subject of the commercial open ocean aquaculture industry in Hawaii. Marti mentioned the concern that commercial aquaculture should be publicly driven such that local residents indicate the locations where it would be appropriate. There is a desire that commercial aquaculture be structured so as to guarantee protection of both traditional Hawaiian fish farming and local fishing rights, and there is confusion about how open ocean aquaculture is impacted (or not) by ocean zoning and the ORMP. MACZAC member Michael Gleason also expressed concern about the processed food that the caged fish are fed, while MACZAC member Makaala Kaaumoana noted that prior shrimp aquaculture ventures on Kauai resulted in problems of invasive species and abandoned infrastructure. MACZAC member Walter Ritte opined that there may be a clash between local and national activists regarding open ocean aquaculture, so it would be prudent for the two groups to meet and discuss the issues. MACZAC member Kanoa Withington also made a distinction between different local groups because a group based in Maui is not necessarily local to those on the Big Island's Kohala coast.

MACZAC's Budget Working Group Update

Budget Working Group chair Donna Wong discussed the recent letter that OP Director Abbey Mayer wrote to MACZAC in response to their previously submitted budget proposal. Abbey's letter touched on two main issues, providing guidelines regarding how MACZAC should re-submit an amended budget proposal to OP/CZM for consideration of special project funds, and should also submit a proposed work plan for 2010-2011 to OP/CZM for consideration to release MACZAC's regular administrative funds. Hawaii CZM Policy Analyst Susan Feeney explained that NOAA's NA10 grant to CZM will begin on July 1 and that CZM had entered a line item of \$30,000 for MACZAC administration. This money is for regular administration and re-occurring operational expenses of MACZAC; however, the money is not automatically guaranteed to MACZAC since Abbey wants to receive MACZAC's proposed work plan for 2010-2011 before he will release the money into MACZAC's account at RCUH. Furthermore, there is an additional \$35,000 in funds potentially available to MACZAC for special projects such as public outreach; however, the money is not guaranteed to MACZAC and its release is pending approval of the budget proposal, which will need to be made more detailed and then re-submitted to OP/CZM for consideration again. MACZAC member Sue Sakai, in light of the realization that OP/CZM may not approve all that was in MACZAC's previous budget proposal, made a motion to amend the budget proposal by placing priority on the development of a MACZAC website since that will provide the best avenue for broad public outreach. MACZAC member Kanoa Withington noted that the budget amount listed for website maintenance could be reduced to cover just the basics. MACZAC members voted unanimously in favor of the amendment, and agreed to focus on drafting their budget proposal and work plan at their next meeting.

Guest Presentation: "Improving Coastal Water Quality by Designing and Establishing a Traditional Hawaiian Wetland"

Kanekoa Kukea-Shultz from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Anthony Ching from Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) gave a presentation on their respective organizations' joint efforts to see the restoration of the traditional wetland and fishpond within a 429 acre ahupuaa at Heeia on Oahu's Windward coast. For the Mahuahua Ai o Hoi project, HCDA granted TNC a 38 year lease over the Heeia property, while OP/CZM contributed \$96,000 in funding for the ORMP implementation project. Kanekoa (Koa) explained that the collaborative project's primary goal is to see more environmentally sustainable land development by restoring the kalo loi and a natural marsh so as to improve nearshore water quality, as well as conducting educational outreach to engage the local community, and restoring an organic agricultural-based industry in the area. As the local community is rooted in this aina, there is good partnership in the project, and the knowledge of the kupunas can guide best practices and serve as educational opportunities in the classrooms to pass on to the next generation.

MACZAC member Walter Ritte complemented TNC on the merits of the project but cautioned that although things seem to be going well so far, the challenge is to find a way to keep the project sustained in the long-term, and to have it economically maintained not just on soft grant money but to actually have the project be self-sufficient or at least to have secured firm funding sources. Koa clarified that in addition to restoring a cultural connection to the ahupuaa, creating a land management program, creating an educational program, and improving food security, another objective is to generate revenue to help financially support the project. This will be possible since there are 200 acres slated for taro production (150 acres planted with 50 acres fallow) and so they plan to eventually be able to sell the taro and poi.

New/Old Business

Next MACZAC Meeting

The next MACZAC meeting will be held on either a Monday or a Wednesday; exact date is to be determined (probably in September). MACZAC members are to give thought to the development of MACZAC mission and vision statements, which will be addressed at the next meeting. The other key agenda items are to develop MACZAC's 2010-2011 work plan and revised budget proposal to OP/CZM, and also to discuss the distribution of MACZAC's "2009 Hawaii CZM Interviews and Evaluation Report."

Executive Session

MACZAC members voted unanimously to enter into an executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) in order to discuss the official complaint made by OP Director Abbey Mayer regarding MACZAC member Walter Ritte's statement made during the February 24, 2010 MACZAC meeting. Walter Ritte clarified that his statement to Abbey was not intended as a threat, and the other MACZAC members agreed that they had not interpreted his statement as such. The only individuals present during the executive session were Donna Brown, James Coon, Michael Gleason, Makaala Kaaumoana, Henry Lau, Rhoda Makanani Libre, Walter Ritte, Susan Sakai, Kanoa Withington, and Donna Wong.

Adjournment

Chair Donna Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.